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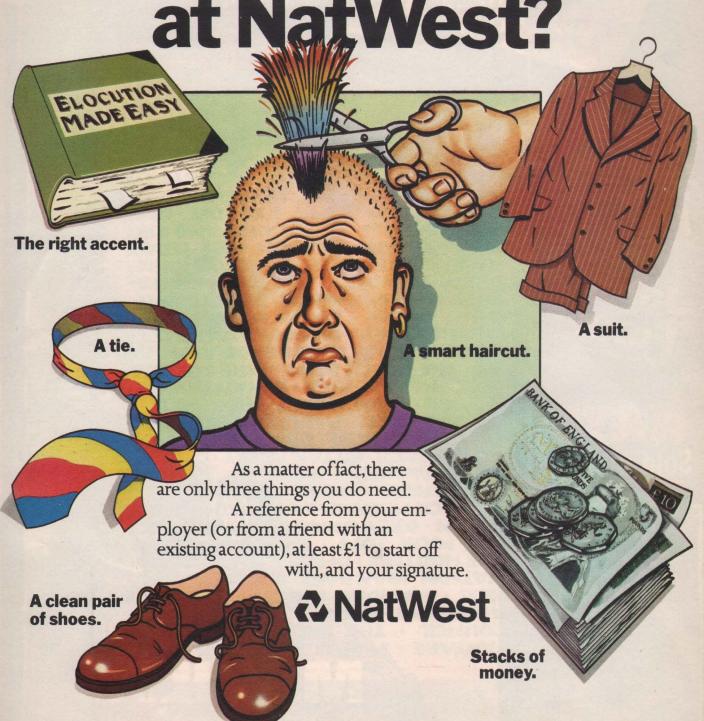
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MARILYN Is this man for real?









by JIM REID

WAS despairing of ever filling this breathless column again, when two bolshie little words came tugging at my sleeve. 'REVOLUTION' and 'AGITATION' had kindly been sent to me by the Militant Tendency Propaganda Machine. I weighed the odds... at times like this a hack has to choose strange hedfellows

First rule is: Expropriate the Expropriators. A Marxist friend of mine has just spread a nasty rumour that erstwhile friend of the people David Bowie adopts a decidedly corporate attitude towards his work. Employing a team of dedicated researchers, Bowie keeps abreast of new developments in pop, fashion, film and literature by having these poor souls read books that interest him and then write a synopsis of what they've read for his own easy consumption. No wonder his 'intellectual' grasp seems so shallow.

To counteract the above tirade, the RM 'Friends Of Bowie' contingent insist I run a nice story about the lad. So here goes. Mr Jones' Hammersmith Odeon charity gigs netted a cool £93,000 for the Brixton Neighbourhood Community Centre. Can't be all

continues over



"YEAH, AN' then she rinsed my hair in goat's milk preservative — it was really radical I can tell you, dead trendy." Spotted at last week's Camden Palace Hairdressers' Convention, Jeffery — snip snip — Daniel and Mari — no lacquer talent — Wilson. There's no truth in the rumour that both parties are interested in ditching their dodgy music careers to open a unisex salon somewhere on the North Circular road.



'GOTTLA gear, gottla gear.' Ghrissy Goy of Gadness tries his hand at ventriloquy, Genny Gelle Star looks on in mute admiration. The young couple plan to go on a short tour of northern working men's clubs once they manage to find their way out of the Palace cocktail bar.

- SUB-CULTURE: London's current hot spot is situated under a railway arch in Southwark and is known as the SUB STATION. Has Mrs Thatcher's destruction of the economy really brought on the era of the industrial dereliction club? Next, coal mines and cocktails . . .
- CELTIC SOUL BROTHERS: In attendance at Paul Haig's recent London University show, Billy Mackenzie, Richard Jobson and Boomtown Rat Johnny Fingers. Tartan, Glenfiddich and home rule were definitely the order of the day.
- CLUB ETIQUETTE: Boys it is safe to start wearing socks again. It is not safe to enter the toilet wearing a slinky black dress . . .
- BOWLS OF brown rice and long grey macs to appear on TOTP shock. Don't be surprised to see innovative indies Rough Trade and Cherry Red link up with WEA in an attempt to take bedsit angst into the front room. RM where the musicity cleans its dirty linen. musicbiz cleans its dirty linen.

Vin a prize fit for a

OW here's a right tasty regal dish! We have 15 Prince packages up for grabs. The prize consists of a copy of the new double version of his '1999

album, a super poster and a special pin-up Prince calendar (1984, not 1999).

To win, all you have to do is answer three simple questions, indicate your answers, cut out the coupon and send it to: Prince Competition, RECORD MIRROR, PO Box 16, Harlow, Essex. First 15 correct entries opened on the closing date, Monday, November 14, get the goods.

1) Prince has been known for his support
of which American girl group? Is it a) The
Mary Jane Girls b) Three Degrees
c) Vanity Six ?
2) Prince comes from Minneapolis. What

American state is the city in? Is it a) Kentucky b) Virginia c) Minnesota ?

3) Prince produced, performed, composed and arranged everything on the '1999' album. Is that statement a) True b) False ?

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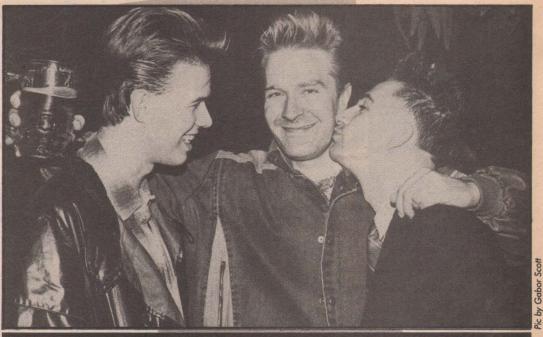
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bad, can he .

How much money can they waste in the face of mass unemployment dept: After practically re-recording the whole of their tedious new album and ditching an expensive tiger handed photosession, those young advertising execs and part time pop people Duran (gasp) Duran (say it twice, they come from Brum) have come up with a sleeve that is practically gold plated. This work of art is a lavish panorama featuring olde worlde maps and strips of tigerskin. Sounds very nice, although according to my spies EMI've been none too pleased with what's in the grooves . . .

Little Duranies out there, can you stand any more? Andy Taylor is to open a new wine bar in his home town of Whitley Bay. The bar is called Rio (cue Bounty ad and suitably richest posturing) and the dreadful deed takes place some time in December.

Mouth of the people spreads revolution and sedition to the very heart of South Harrow shock! There were scenes of revolutionary hysteria at Harrow's Bogarts club last week when dance theoretician Perry Haines did a PA on Gal Crowley's clubnight (that'll be another, pint, Gary). The extremely sexy legs of Wham!'s Andy joined Perry and



THERE WAS an Englishman, a Scotsman and a man who thought he wrote like a French existentialist. They all met in the bar of the Palace to discuss the meaning of life but ended up staring at the bottom of a pint mug. Ex-scribbler and manager of the dodgy ZTT record label Paul Morley practises his childhood infatuation with Martin Fry (though it's not his face you're supposed to kiss, Paul). Martyn Fry practises his 'see, I've just written another clever dick rhyming couplet' smile. And Edwyn Collins marvels at the strange practices of Northern folk . . .

Gary for an impromtu rap. Friends, the ensuing racket made the October revolution seem quiet . . .

lan Dury on a Channel Four documentary to be shown this

Thursday: "Immature artists plagiarise, mature artists steal. One day I'm gonna grow up." Clever bleeder, eh? Well no, actually he's just ripping off a T S Eliot quote...

And why, you may ask, is drummer John Keeble known as J K 'The Rock 'n' Roll King' by the other Ballet boys — for that answer you'll have to ask the drummer of the Moody Blues . . .

Blues . . . Spotted amongst screaming girls at last week's Wham! Hammy Odeon gig — Jeffrey Daniel. Our Jeff was sporting a Davy Crockett style hat — not pining for home by any chance, Danners?

A grovelling apology. Contrary to last week's column (I didn't write the story, honest, guv) Mel Gaynor is very much a Simple Mind, and although he did play on Private Lives' new record, he never so much set foot in RAK studios. Sorry mate... My flatmate's favourite sculptor Mick Karn still hasn't decided to accept the totally awesome amount of ackers offered him by ageing boy wonder Peter

Mick Karn still hasn't decided to accept the totally awesome amount of ackers offered him by ageing boy wonder Peter Frampton to form a 'supergroup' (pass the sick bag please). Although sorely tempted, Mick's determined to concentrate on his solo career (What solo career? — RM chart watchers) and already has a drummer, name of Paul, as the first member of his own band.

Meanwhile other Japaners
Steve and Richard are about to
announce the name of their new
group (thrilling ain't it) and Dave
— 'who's Bowie, who's Ferry—
Sylvian has given up the idea of
Paris as a hometown to leg it
down to the South of France
instead. So what's wrong with
Catford Bridge, Dave?

Catford Bridge, Dave?

ABC's cute Stevie Singleton
has just bought a mock Victorian
castle close to his home town of
Sheffield. The groovy pad has

eleven bedrooms — one for every month between ABC singles

releases...
Don't be surprised to see erstwhile Strolling Bone Mick Jones rejoin the Clash. I hear Micky fell out with Joseph over how the band should split their royalties. Strummer seems to think the pennies from 'Combat Rock' are there to promote world revolution. That's the spirit, Joe... (I think). Mick would rather spend his money on wine, women and song. Once this difference is resolved the split could be patched.

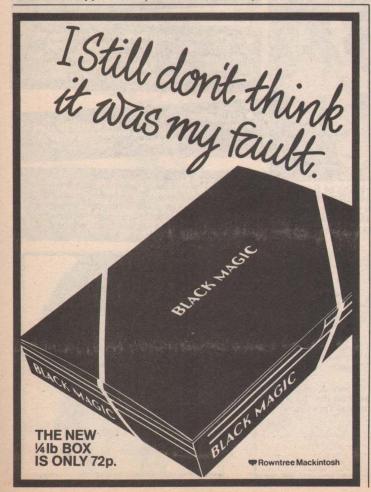
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Soft Cell's Dave Ball reveals that the original title track of his solo elpee 'In Strict Tempo' has had a last minute revamp after guest vocalist Roland Rat—disgraced rubberperv David Claridge—got cold feet about singing the naughty words, and had to be replaced by a Virgin Prune.

Seems knockabout funster and all round sensitive artist Annie Lennox was less than amused by last week's wacky pic of herself plus parents — so much so that she's binned a forthcoming RM interview, and had mature photographer Joe Bangay given a right telling off. So why pose for pics in the first place, Annie?

Those magnificent men in their flying machines. Lords of the new pomp Marillion played a weekend date at the Marquee under the name of Lufthansa Airline Terminal. The gig aired (geddit) new material from Fish's second LP and helped pay the bill for a hotel room the band destroyed in Germany.

destroyed in Germany....
Oh dear, Rod 'n' Elton have had a bust up. No world tour, no larfs at middle aged crooners in toupees and skin tight leopard skin trousers. And there was me thinking the pair were as inseparable as myself and light and bitter ...





Style cancelled

THE STYLE Council's December tour is OFF. But it will be on in the New Year. A spokesman said last week: "They

are committed to finishing their album by the end of this year and time unfortunately does not allow for both projects." Their single 'A Solid Bond In Your Heart' comes out next week.

All that Jaz

KILLING JOKE play a tour in December and they'll also be doing a London concert on New Year's day. Their schedule runs Brighton University December 4, Bournemouth Academy 5, Exeter Riverside 6, Cardiff New Ocean 7, Leicester Polytechnic 9, St Albans City Hall 10, Birmingham Tower Ballroom 12, Sheffield Top Rank 13, Manchester Hacienda 14, Edinburgh Coasters 15, Leeds Tiffanys 18, Nottingham Rock City 19, Dublin McGonagles 21, Hammersmith Palais January 1. More dates are likely to be added later.

JOBOXERS HAVE been forced to cancel their London date at the Lyceum on November 6. Drummer Sean McCluskey is having his tonsils out and although it was thought that he would be fit enough for the gig, he's been advised to rest.

The band have promised that a fresh date will be arranged as quickly as possible.

possible.



THE ROLLING Stones release their new album 'Undercover' on November 7. The album has 10 tracks, which were recorded in Paris early this year and mixed in New York during the summer.

Bill Wyman's film 'Digital Dreams', described as "delightful collage of documentary fantasy animation and music", was premiered in Los Angeles earlier this month. It looks likely that it will be out over here sometime in the New Year.

ACE RAPPER Kurtis Blow arrives in Britain this month to play some dates.
Kurtis can be seen at Kingston
Polytechnic November 11, Glasgow
Strathclyde University 12, Glasgow
Maestro's 13, London Venue 14.

 EX TEARDROP Explodes leader Julian Cope releases a new single, 'Sunshine Playroom', on November 11. A 12 inch version of the single includes two extra tracks, 'Wreck My Car' and 'Eat The Poor'.

Julian's new album will be out in the New Year but he hasn't decided on a title for it yet. Julian will also be doing a full tour to coincide with the release of his album.

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THE PRETENDERS are back in action . . . and they'll be going on the road next year to prove it. Founder members Chrissie Hynde and drummer Martin Chambers have been joined by guitarist Rob McIntosh and bassist Malcom Foster and they've been rehearsing since last December.

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The group have a new single '2,000 Miles' released on November'.

18. It's their first record since the deaths of Pete Farndon and James Honeyman-Scott. It is produced by Chris Thomas — the man behind their 'Talk Of The Town' and 'Kid' hits.

Live dates start at the Ipswich Gaumont on January 6. They go on to play Leicester De Montfort Hall 7, Nottingham Royal Centre 9, Liverpool Royal Court 10, Bristol Colston Hall 13, London Hammersmith Odeon 14 and 15, Newcastle City Hall 17, Edinburgh Playhouse 18, Leeds University 21 and Manchester Apollo 22. There is also a Glasgow show to be confirmed. Tickets for all the other shows are on sale now.



Stabbin' kind

ABC BRING out their second album this month. The record's called The month. The record's called 'Beauty Stab' and comes out on November 18. It follows up their successful debut 'Lexicon Of Love' and features their new single 'That Was Then But This Is Now'.

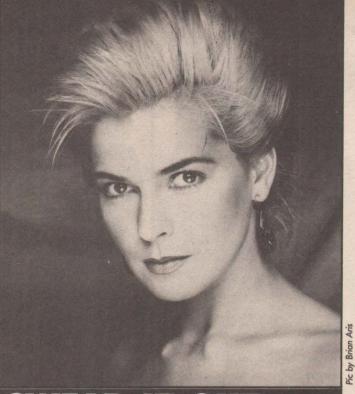
Visage album

VISAGE HAVE a best of album called 'Fade To Grey — The Visage Singles Collection' released next week. The album traces the group's career up until their latest single 'The Anvil' and also includes their first demo tape — a cover version of 'In The Year 2525'.

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There is also a cassette version which has been turned into a nonstop dance mix by Rusty Egan, Steve Strange and Dave Formula, but the LP will feature a new line-up without Ultravox player Billy Currie.

- THE EURYTHMICS, who begin their tour in Sheffield this week, have added four London dates to their tour. They'll be playing Hammersmith Odeon November 19, Hammersmith Palais 21, Lyceum 30, December 1.
- 'RAZZMATAZZ' PRESENTER Lisa Stansfield releases her single 'I Got A Feeling' on November 11. The song was recorded by the Four Tops back in the Sixties.
- WHAM! HAVE been forced to scrap
 Idates of their sell-out tour after
 lead singer George Michael was laid
 low by laryngitis at the weekend.
 Dates in London, Brighton,
 Nottingham, Poole, Crawley, Leeds
 and Birmingham will be rescheduled
 after George Michael's voice has had a two-week rest. All current tickets will be valid for the new dates. The tour is planned to resume with a four-date stint at London's Lyceum, November 13-17. Two previously cancelled dates have been rescheduled for Swansea Top Rank, November 20 and Bristol



TOYAH PLAYS an 18-date tour starting next month — her first series of concerts for a year. Shortly before the dates, Toyah releases her new single 'The Vow'. A 12 inch version of the single will feature an extra track, 'Haunted', which is unavailable

elsewhere.
Tickets for Toyah's tour are on sale now and the dates run
Loughborough University November 25, Blackburn King Georges
Hall 26, Halifax Civic Hall 27, Ipswich Gaumont 28, Dunstable
Queensway Hall 30, Bristol Colston Hall December 1, Bournemouth
Winter Gardens 2, Margate Winter Gardens 3, Birmingham Odeon
5, Hammersmith Odeon 6, Nottingham Royal Centre 7, Guildford
Civic Hall 8, Middlesbrough Town Hall 10, Newcastle City Hall 11,
Liverpool Royal Court 12, Manchester Apollo 14, Sheffield City Hall
15, Crawley Leisure Centre 16, Reading Hexagon 17.



TEXAN BOOGIE band ZZ Top, who release their new single 'Sharp Dressed Man' on November 11, round off their British tour with a date at Wembley Arena on November 30. Tickets for the gig, priced £5.50 and £4.50, are available from usual agents or by post. If you order by mail then you must add a 30p booking fee for each ticket and write to MAC Promotions, PO Box 2BZ, London W1A 2BZ. Cheques and postal orders should be made out to MAC Promotions — don't forget to enclose a SAE.

Psycho killer

PSYCHOBILLY ORIGINALS the Cramps have a live mini album released on November 11. The album's called 'Smell Of Female' and features six tracks recorded at New York's Peppermint Lounge.

- BRASS CONSTRUCTION will be playing another date at the Hammersmith Odeon on November 6. Tickets for the show are £6, £5.50 and
- RAINBOW HAVE a new single out this week. The song is called 'Can't Let You Go' and comes from their 'Bent Out Of Shape' album. On the B side is a live version of 'All Night Long' recorded at Bristol.
- GARY NUMAN has added another date to his tour. He'll be playing London Dominion Theatre on November 6

The Bounty hunter

DAVID ESSEX plays the London Royal Albert Hall on December 29 and 30 — after being banned from the venue for

arter being banned from the venue for six years!

"They banned me because they were afraid that fans would rip the seats out," David said. "My fans are still enthusiastic, but they have never been the type who do this sort of

been the type who do this sort of damage."
Tickets are priced £9.50, £8.50, £7.50 and £5.50. They are available now from the box office or by post from the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7. Cheques should be made payable to the Royal Albert Hall — enclose a SAE.
David Essex releases his new single 'You're In My Heart' on November 18. It's taken from his forthcoming album 'The Whisper'.

Bone love

PAUL SIMON releases his new album 'Hearts And Bones' on November 4. It's his first solo album since 'One Trick Pony' in 1980 and guest artists include Chic's Nile Rodgers and Toto's Jeff Porcaro. (Sounds really groovy

THE ANTI-NOWHERE LEAGUE play a tour in December, coinciding with the release of their controversial 'Live In Yugoslavia' album. The band will be playing Lancaster University November 25, Hull Spring Street Theatre 27, Manchester Metro December 1, Nottingham Sherwood Rooms 2, Colchester Woods Centre 8, Birmingham Digbeth Civic Hall 10. More dates will be announced later.

Millie-n air

VETERAN SOUL star Millie Jackson

VETERAN SOUL star Millie Jackson comes to Britain next year for six London shows at the Dominion Theatre from February 21 to 26. And at the same time she brings out a new album 'ESP' which includes her 'Sexercise Parts One And Two' single. Tickets are available now by post from the Box Office, Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Road, London W1. They cost £7.50, £6.50 and £5.50 and cheques or postal orders should be made payable to Rank Leisure and sent in with a SAE. They are also available by personal are also available by personal application to the box office.



THE THOMPSON Twins release a new single 'Hold Me Now' on November 11. The Twins will also be flying out shortly to Compass Point studios in Nassau, to record the follow up to their chart topping 'Quick Step and Side Kick' album. The new album is scheduled for release in the spring next year.

by



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THURSDAY'S absolutely chock-ablock this week. There's Peter York's 'Hey, Good Looking' fashion prog lookings at the Narcotic Boy Outsiders—dressed somewhere between 19th century poets to James Dean, apparently. Then it's the finals of the 'Malibu World Disco Dancing Championships' on the same channel at 8.00pm. 'Kenny Everett's Video Show' (BBC2, 9.00pm) has Chas & Dave as guests. A new series of 'Ebony' (BBC2, 10.25) starts with Eek-A-Mouse. A documentary 'lan Dury' (C4, 11.45pm) looks at the life of a man who has crashed into virtual obscurity, although that's not the angle here.

FRIDAY'S 'Tube' (C4, 5.15pm) is a year old and celebrates with Elvis Costello and The Pretenders live. 'Hey, Good Looking' (C4, 6.45) follows with a look at Paris style.

SATURDAY starts with 'Saturday Superstore' (BBC 1, 9.00am) with Eddy Grant. The Beeb's 'The Saturday Show' (ITV, 10.30am) features The Rocksteady Crew. 'My Top 12' (Radio 1, 1.00pm) has Fish of Marillion choosing his fave cuts. The real event, though is a special programme 'Pop Goes Guy Fawkes' (ITV, 11pm) with Culture Club and Spandau Ballet headlining the event recorded at the Alton Towers. Also on the bill are Roman Holliday, Carmel and Dave Edmunds with Gary Byrd hosting.

SUNDAY afternoon's livened up a little by the 'Great Rock And Roll Trivia Show' (Radio One, 4.30pm). Jez Strode, Mike Smith and Ian Donaldson of H20 fight to the death with Captain Sensible, Eddie Lundon from China Crisis, and Troy Tate.

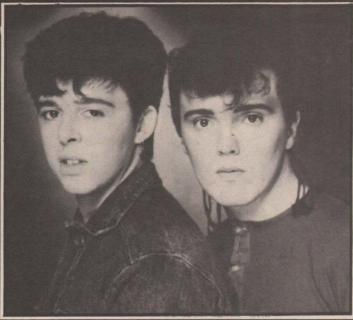
MONDAY sees the end of 'Riverside' (BBC2, 7pm) for the time being, but the arty-farty special goes out with a bang. There are videos of New Order, Big Country, Bauhaus and Killing Joke plus a look at the lovely Kate Garner taking photographs. Virginia Astley and The Smiths are the live bands while Trevor Horne is interviewed about his ZTT label.

TUESDAY'S pop conscious 'Razzmatazz' (ITV, 4.20pm) has Kim Wide and Blancmange doing their new single plus interviews with Bruce Foxton and Will Powers.

WEDNESDAY 'Eight Days A Week'

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WEEK



TEARS FOR FEARS: the way we are

Tracks of the Tears

TEARS FOR FEARS head out on the road in December for their second tour this year.

And the duo have a new single 'The Way You Are' released on November 25, just before the dates. On the B side is a track called 'The Marauders

Dates start at the Liverpool Royal Court on December

Then Newcastle City Hall 5, Edinburgh Playhouse 6, Nottingham Royal Centre 9, Birmingham Odeon 10, Manchester Apollo 11, Bristol Colston Hall 12, London Hammersmith Odeon 14 and 15, Margate Winter Gardens 16, Brighton Dome 17, Poole Arts Centre 19 and St Austell Cornwall Coliseum 20. Tickets are on sale now. are on sale now.

Death wish

 PUBLIC IMAGE Ltd have rescheduled and added some dates to their tour. The Nottingham Rock
City gig on November 14 has now
been changed to December 7 and
the Loughborough University show
has been switched from November 9
to December 8.

The new tour dates are London Ine new tour dates are London Hammersmith Palais December 4, 5, Lancaster University 9, Blackburn King Georges Hall 11, Birmingham Odeon 12, Cardiff Top Rank 13. John Lydon's film 'Order Of Death' opens in London this week, before

being shown all over the country. Check your local press for details

Man Fridays

MODERN ROMANCE release their new single 'Good Friday' on November 11. The 12 inch version features an extended version of the song plus 'Good Feelings' and a version of their nightclub standard 'Love Letters.'

Turner up . . .

TINA TURNER releases her new single 'Let's Stay Together' on November 7. It's a re-make of Al Green's classic hit from 1982. Tina looks likely to be playing some British dates later this year, but nothing has been confirmed.

Classix on the never never

CLASSIX NOUVEAUX release a new single and album this month. Their single 'Never Never Comes' will be out on November 7 and it's taken from the band's third album 'Secret' which will be out on November 14.
There are no plans for a Classix tour. They had been thinking about

playing a date at the London Dominion, but this has been cancelled due to foreign commitments

Changed Minds

SIMPLE MINDS have changed the release date of their 'Waterfront' single from November 7 to November

Rat raps



KING KURT watch out! Breaklast television star Roland Rat releases his debut single 'Rat Rapping' on November 11. His friend Kevin the Gerbil is featured on backing gerbils. The single will be available on Roland's own Rodent Records label and the 12 inch version will feature a specially extended rat disco mix. As yet, Roland can't confirm whether he will be touring or bringing out an album.

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RE YOU happy, John? "Yeah, I'm enjoying life, believe it or not." I'm sitting on a comfortable chair holding a cute PiL lollypop in my hand. All around me grown men are laughing.

"What do you think of England now, John?" asks the editor of a mid-Seventies orientated rock paper. John doesn't think much of it, England that is, and takes another draw of his plentiful supply of booze.

Just like the good old days eh? Well no, it ain't. Listening to John Lydon at a press conference in a Bayswater Road hotel is a very entertaining way to spend a lunchtime. Plenty of larfs. In fact the biggest larfs are not Lydon's Finsbury Park one liners, but the

continuous stream of misplaced

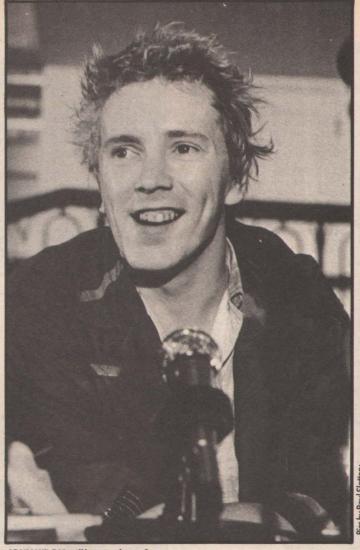
questioning.

Fleet Street and the foreigners ask a lot of questions about punk rock. Punk rock means something on the Continent and on the middle aged breakfast tray. It doesn't mean much to J Lydon and he doesn't suffer

necrophiliacs gladly.
The middle class youth media,
all furrowed brows and guilty
consciences, are still thinking Rotten. What does John think about the state of the country, they ask, clutching at faded memories of 'youth rebellion' and 'confrontational rock', etc, etc. John Lydon is 26, Duran Duran and Culture Club are number one and he has his career to get on with.

Lydon is still an engaging personality. Very funny. Very sharp. Unlike those asking the questions, Lydon realises he is neither Antichrist or cultural icon, but a man making interesting records and tentative steps on

Still, John walks it like he talks it. He even spat before the conference got under way. I liked him.



JOHN LYDON: will he ever change?

PiL is basically John and drummer Martin Atkins. Three other people play on the forthcoming album.

"They come from a Holiday Inn band. I wanted to get away from trendy haircuts."

• On punk: "I don't like that term, I never did. Call it what you like — I don't use tags.

"It's a bit embarrassing, passe, like rockabilly."

On his film role in 'Order Of Death': "I was getting bored with music so I took a year off to do the film. Of course I was terrified when I did it, that's how I work best when I'm nervous. I did the film to the best of my ability. You throw yourself in at the deep end and you're totally exposed.
"I like the character, 'cos Leo

was self righteous and he won

"I did the film for practically nothing, I probably spent more money getting drunk than I earnt"

On Bowie in film: "Bowie tends to care more about 'Is this my best side?' and the make-up."

On sex (once described as two and a half minutes of squelching by Lydon): "It's now gone up to five minutes. I've mastered a new technique.

On England: "I'm never gonna live here any more. Ithinkthis country's finished. We all know

"It's an unhealthy climate here for me. The last three weeks I lived here, I got raided nearly every day. They completely smashed my place apart. I took the hint and left.
"London's got very suburban—it's year much like a village.

it's very much like a village. Everyone runs into their homes

(Punk officially dead says ex-spokesman for a generation)

• PiL and music: "We have a few tracks done on the studio LP, but it's not completed - it will be

soon.
"No two PiL albums have been

the same or ever will be." The tour? "What I do is a holiday with musical interludes . . . "I thought the last record ('This

Is Not A Love Song') was very happy and jolly. I was pleased the

record went up so high. I didn't think it'd do shit — we didn't intend to release it over here

"I listen to all music, I don't cop attitudes to it. It's there to be entertainment.

"Boy George has a voice, you can't deny that ...

after work. In the day it's like a fashion catwalk - wacky hairdos everywhere.

John Lydon is still worth listening to. He's just doing different things now.

Jim Reid







IAN REVERBERI isn't exactly Italy's answer to Boy George or Simon Le Bon, but that hasn't stopped him selling four million records across Europe.

He's the man behind Rondo Veneziano, whose single 'La Serenissima' fuses 18th century music with futuristic sounds.

A sprightly 44-year-old, Gian works with a full orchestra and a group of percussion players. He studied at the Genoa Music Conservatory and he's worked in recording studios around the world as a composer, arranger and producer.

"There's a place for all kinds of music in the charts," he explains. "I want to give people a taste of what Italian music was like between 1650 and 1750"

Robin Smith

HEY COME from Liverpool... They're a duo... They're called Care... Is that clichéd enough for you?

Paul Simpson and Ian Broudie insist not — with some justification.

Ian Broudie spent his formative years with the acclaimed Original Mirrors, produced Echo And The Bunnymen's 'Rescue' and did a whole pile of other production jobs before coming to roost with his new group. Paul Simpson was the first person to quit the Teardrop Explodes and is the man behind the duo's lyrics.

"The group almost happened by accident," says Paul. "It was a case of our doing a few songs at the beginning of the year and people coming along and asking what we were going to call the

All of a sudden they found that Bill Drummond, the Echo And The Bunnymen manager, had booked them into a 16-track studio and the pair had to get their act together.

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Not that they've particularly rushed anything. Their debut single 'My Boyish Days (Drink To Me)' caused a few ripples, and now they expect more things with the swirling 'Flaming Sword'.

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"None of what we do is contrived," says Ian. "The songs have just come as we take them, and we haven't compromised at all. Our quality control is that both of us have to love the record after it's been recorded, then we might compromise our original intentions a bit.

"I like to think it's fairly honest. It's not something like ABC where



CARE: a savage attack on the indie ethic

MODESTY blaze

you work everything out beforehand."

Anyone who knows Ian Broudie's history will verify that the work he's done to date has been honest. The only problem for the group is that they don't fit into the main daytime radio scene, nor the independent stuff which comes on in the evening.

"Just because we're on a major label, they don't seem to be playing our record in the evening," says Ian. "It's a bit frustrating because I'm not sure of the validity of indie labels now,

"My first two records came out on independent labels, but I don't see that I need to do that now. I'm not knocking them, but I'm not convinced that people consciously choose to go independent — it's just because it offers them a deal."

Simon Hills

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ING KURT aren't the only band who have a bizarre pet. Blue Zoo's bass player Mike Ansell owns a highly scientists all over the world say they're one of the most clever species," claims Mike. "I feed him by hand and if I tease him by dangling my wrist above the tank he squirts water at me." Mike also has a lion fish from the great Australian barrier reef. "He looks like a punk — he has spikes all down his back. If you touched them they would poison you and you'd be off work for at least a week."

Mike's hoping to add to his collection of exotic specimens if Blue Zoo's new single 'Somewhere In The World There's A Cowboy Smiling' does as well as their 'Cry Boy Cry' hit. "This single is all about exploitation," explains dapper lead singer Andy O. "It's like when the Indians were all moved off the reservations and the white man took over. But I don't want to get too serious — we like our music to have melodies with a heavy dance beat. I come from Braintree, in Essex, and the only singer to come out of there before me is Steve Harley," says Andy. "I want to put the place really on the map and make it the centre of the pop universe."

DON'T like doing interviews 'cos they can get a bit boring and they start talking about your personal life instead of what you're supposed to be interviewed about. That's

what really gets me."

We all get put in our place now and again in this job. When it's a Jagger or a Bowie staring you in the face, you don't mind too much, but when it's a four feet six inches tall teenager called Michael — it comes as a bit of a shock.

I'm sat at the dinner table with Michael and Junior of Musical Youth before the second date of their tour in Gloucester, wondering whether these boys are normal teenagers or the wise men of rock they'd have me

believe.

Don't they get as bored on the road as they do with interviews?

"No, it's really good 'cos you can do things," says Junior. "What sort of things," I ask, imagining all sorts of unsavoury boyish antics with the screaming girls lurking at the stage door. "Things like Space Invaders," smiles Junior. Oh well. Junior. Oh well.

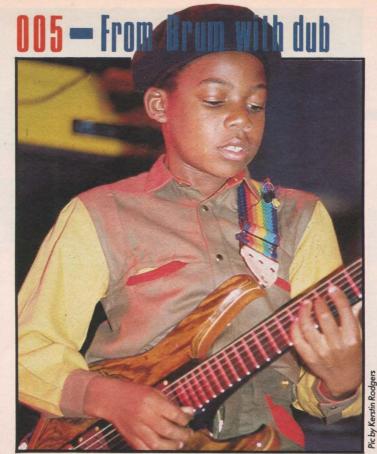
Junior. Oh well.

"It gives you a break from home actually," adds Michael.
"Some people go camping, touring's just like one of those things really. You get away from your parents but by the time you get back home, you're glad to be there." there."

Down in the dressing room a little later on, the boys are shouting themselves up by shouting at each other while Kelvin climbs all over the clothes rail and accuses Michael and Dennis of some rather smelly

schoolboy antics.
I wander into the cavernous leisure centre, the scene of tonight's show, and am reminded of the church youth club which I frequented as a lad. Small children fight, play football, and dance to the sound system and a toy motorbike runs across my

foot. My God, do I feel old! Suddenly, there's a huge scream and Junior bounds on



MUSICAL YOUTH: Kelvin the I and I spy

stage wearing a wonderful tight fitting black costume that has the girls in tears. The screams are deafening as Dennis, Patrick and Michael rush on, followed by Kelvin on his BMX bike. A lovely touch, that.

was rather cynical about the ability of Musical Youth to produce their sound live. But I needn't have worried. It's I and I's down and look in for some down and look in for some breath-taking dub reggae, before the boys launch into 'The Youth Of Today'. Mums and Dads are skanking with their smallest kids, while their teenage daughters crowd around the front of the stage, screaming at Dennis' hip movements and Kelvin's toasting. Poor little Kelvin looks scared

stiff of the hysterical audience, but Dennis knows what it's all but Dennis knows what it's all about. There's more than a hint of innuendo in 'Never Gonna Give You Up', when Dennis sings "... You have yours black, and I have mine white." It's supposed to be about coffee, of course.

Musical Youth close the set with 'Pass The Dutchie' before returning through a tray door in

returning through a trap door in the impressive 'roof tops' stage set, to breeze through the encores. Then it's back to the hotel for Space Invaders and cocoa and off to bed.

The girls are still crowding around the stage door as I leave the building. "Kelvin touched me," screams an excited thirteenyear-old. She swoons. Oh to be sixteen again.

Andy Strickland

Uptown <u>Coil</u>

HIS MORTAL Coil are having an unexpected hit with 'Song To The Siren' at the moment. The band made the record as a one-off because of a special fondness for the Tim

special fondness for the Tim Buckley song. This Mortal Coil are better known as that incredibly shy 'indie' band, The Cocteau Twins, who will be familiar to the John Peel listeners amongst you. Elizabeth Frazer's distinctive voice looks like making 'Song To The Siren' one of the biggest independent sellers of the year, and quite right too!

THIS MORTAL COIL shrug off The Cocteau Twins



RUCE FOXTON was not in the best of moods when he arrived chez moi on a torrential autumn day, stomping moodily into my spacious, gracious living room, which he described as something out of The

Munsters'.

He did, however, loosen up a little when the tea and choccy biccies started flowing. Not wishing to add to the gloom of an already miserable day, I sat well back in my chair and commenced what I imagined to be calm and collected interrogation procedures.

interrogation procedures.

The new single 'This Is The Way' shows a marked maturity since 'Freak', I begin, but Bruce cuts me dead.

"Yeah, well, actually, 'This Is The Way' was recorded at the same time as 'Freak', because when I signed with Arista, I had a batch of songs and we just went into the studio with what I had around June.
"The contenders for the first

around June.

"The contenders for the first single were really only 'This Is The Way' or 'Freak'," he says, blue eyes wide and earnest. "I just felt it was important to come back with something really hard-hitting, and I thought 'Freak' was the one to do it."

"Actually," he continues, " 'This Is The Way' is probably better all round than 'Freak', but I just thought it was more immediate." It's very 'Jammy' isn't it, I suggest?.

"Um, when you've got an exmember of the Jam in a group or solo, it's gonna be, like, difficult to pull away from it, you know what I mean? I'm not making a conscious effort to sound like or

what I mean? I'm not making a conscious effort to sound like or unlike the Jam, it's not a conscious effort either way."

OK. Time to get heavy. What does he want his music to 'say'?

"Wot, message-wise?" he asks, fidgeting with his top lip like he's searching for an imaginary moustache.

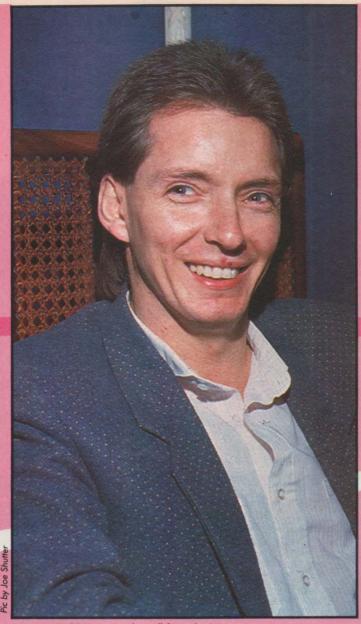
"Well, it's not going to be as strong regarding political statements as the Jam was, but if I feel strongly about a subject, I'll

I feel strongly about a subject, I'll say it. So I'm not steering away from it but not trying to put the world straight like the Jam used

to," he says, with a wry smile.
"At the same time, I wouldn't
want it to become bland Duran
Duran sort of lyrics, though," he
adds quickly, "you've got to do
what feels right."

How far would you like it to go?
"As far as I possibly can," he
says, factually. "I'd like to be
successful, build on where the Jam left off, or even be more successful than the Jam were abroad."

YOU ALWAYS seemed like
'the quiet one'. Do you see
yourself as more of a
musician than a glossy rock-star?
"Definitely not a glossy rockstar type! No, I was never into
that aspect of it like the other
two in the Jam were Lyace two in the Jam were. I was always totally opposed to it."



BRUCE FOXTON awaits the call from the Spinners

the VILLAGE

(country living extra)

I remember in an RM profile, you listed one of your sporting pastimes as 'Underwater sex' I say, and Brucie Boy blushes. What else do you enjoy when you're not doing that, or writing

songs?

"Really, that occupies most of my time," Bruce says with a look on his face like a schoolboy caught smoking behind the bike-

"But no, it's the usual things, restaurants, pubs, the odd gig and so forth. Oh and

photography, to a certain extent."
Tell me a bit about your home
life, I say, leaning back in my
famed Harley Street psychiatrist

"We live just outside Woking in a place called Brookwood, which is like a kind of little village. "The woman next door is really

deaf. The only time I have a conversation with her is when I'm trying to find my cat that's shut in her shed overnight. But we don't live the typical pop-star life of, like, wild parties and barbecues by guitar shaped swimming pools."

Why not? I ask, disappointed.

"We don't have the room," is the rueful reply. "We just keep ourselves to ourselves basically."

Jessi McGuire

AITING IN a dimly lit editing suite in the centre of EMI house, it's easy to imagine what famous bums have parked themselves there over the years. Simon Le Bon? Limahl? Sheena Easton?

Such sweet speculation is cut short by the arrival of Eugene Reynolds and Rocky Rhythm — vocalist and drummer of the Revillos — those colourful purveyors of pure pop and natty fashion. After a year out of the limelight they are back with a new sound, new record deal and new haircut.

The people who brought you such manic delights as 'She's Fallen In Love With A Monster Man' have a new single out -

Man' have a new single out — and it's positively mellow in comparison. What's going on? "We've had a year off, working on a lot of new stuff," explains Rocky — a strange mixture of butch black leather and babyblond prettiness. "We're not going to change drastically, though. We won't be walking on stage in grey raincoats or. stage in grey raincoats or anything like that. It'll still be the

"It's like a synthesis," adds
Eugene, "the same but different.
We just needed a break really.
We'd got totally bored — literally hundreds and hundreds of gigs. By then we knew we had our live act together; so now we're going

HE SINGER with hit plays but no hit records. In fact, almost no records at all. That's

no hit records. In fact, almost no records at all. That's Pauline Black.

Over the last year all her acting projects have had people smacking their hands together furiously. She'd just finished playing the lead in a new Liverpool Playhouse production of 'The Blue Angel', taking Marlene ("Vat am I too do") Dietrich's old movie role. That got belters, and then there was her TV time as presenter of 'Hold Tight'. But record-wise, things have been less smooth and more crunchy. Y'see, every time Pauline thinks she's finished an album for Chrysalis Records, someone there goes "nope" and she has to think again. She's doing that now, with the single 'Threw It Away' a hopeful sign, but hasn't this all made relations with her sponsors a mite edgy?

"It's a bit like somehody in

made relations with her sponsors a mite edgy?

"It's a bit like somebody in hospital," she tells me with her usual directness. "They're as well as can be expected."

'Threw It Away', currently a nighttime radio fave, was cowritten by Pauline and Phil Pickett, who helped George and the Boys pen 'Karma Chameleon'.

"It's about ... let me see ... I suppose it's about the break-up of the Selecter," she reveals. Does that mean she regrets their



THE REVILLOS try on sugar molecule models

to be concentrating on the

This explains their eagerness to take up EMI's timely offer of a recording deal. Despite producing some of the brightest and most addictive pop this side of the Monkees, the Revillos have never had the hits they deserve.

"Our records were always strong," agrees Eugene, "but

they weren't properly promoted."

Commercial success wouldn't just make them all very rich, it would be one-in-the-eye for all those who've knocked them over the years, of whom, they say,

there are many.
"A lot of people have seen the Revillos as cartoons, which we don't want . . . we are real people," says Eugene — now minus the infamous BIG hairdo

"I had it chopped off," he
explains, "because a lot of other
people did it and I'd only done it to be different. You know — the guy in A Flock Of Seagulls, the

guy in the Stray Cats.

"I mean, big deal — they copied a haircut. But also because I wanted people to take the group seriously and it's something as silly as a haircut that can make people take you seriously or not."

They'll be taking the surreal version of themselves on the road

once more at the end of the year. An album is due at the same time

An album is due at the same time and is promised to be less "peculiar" than before. Until then, purchase one copy of 'Bitten By A Love Bug', place it on the turntable and take in the whole "atomic blast" of the Revillos. "I think people think we're mad," says a decidedly sane looking Eugene Reynolds, "but we're not mad. They think we're daft — but we're not daft. We're all quite intelligent and quite articulate and we're not stupid. We know what we're doing and We know what we're doing and we know what we want."

Eleanor Levy



PAULINE: hello, hello, I'm Black again

demise after their time as three minute heroes in '79 and '80? "Well ... we didn't handle it right," she admits. "When we started, I just wanted to swap my job in the National Health Service which I'd done for five years and was bored with. It took me by surprise, it took me about two years to calm down."

So is it acting or singing at the top of the schedule?

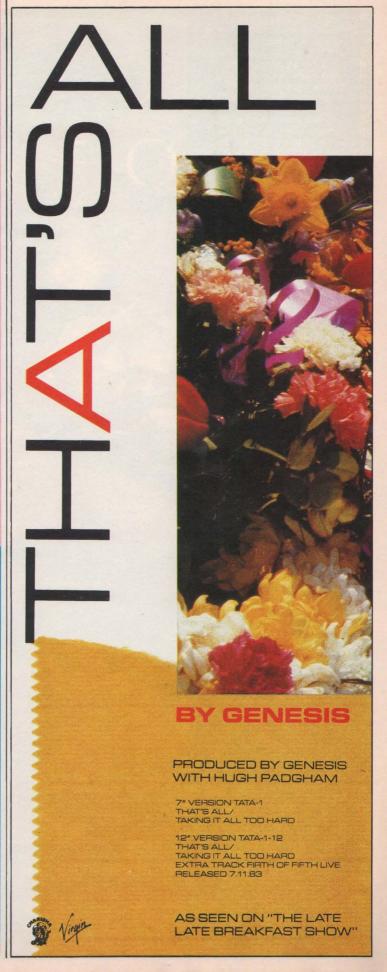
"It sort of goes in six-month stages. At the moment I'm pretty

committed to music." Do people accuse her of not taking music seriously enough.

"I also see a lot of bands who make godawful music who could be accused of that. There's very few people who take it seriously."

And with songs about the Deptford fire and Bobby Sands on her planned LP, she's as earnest as anyone. Maybe they won't make her throw it away this time.

Paul Sexton



THE NUCLEAR FAMILY

Jennie: "I have a cra-zee family."
Stella: "They all wear shades and top hats for breakfast."
Jennie: "Shall I tell you about my dad? He got this American stuff that you use to get your hair straight. So, he thought, 'Well, I'll leave it on five minutes longer to get it a bit straighter. eave it on five r get it a bit strain "So, he left it He's worn a hat ever since

THE EDUCATION

Jennie: "Man, I never had an education. I was DRAGGED up." Stella: "Jennie's school was approved. She went to the University of Life, didn't you

Jennie: "I went to Borstal really. My school MOVED, man." My school MOVED, man."
Judy: "I was diagnosed
subnormal when I was seven and
they wanted me put in a school
for retarded people. So I used to
sit at the back of the schoolroom
playing with my beads all the
time. Then they put me up a
couple of classes and I came top.
I was so bored I used to sit there
dribbling. I still do that. I dribble
when I drum."

THE MEDIA

Lesley: "Everybody watches
'Coronation Street'. Apart from
Judy who watches
'Mastermind'."
Miranda: "I don't envy Marion
and Eddie's baby though, it's
going to be like a blob of dough.
We met Brian Tilsley. He's a bit of
a goer, isn't he? He was doing all
these back flips on the Disco
Dancing Championships. Him and
Leee John were compering it."
Stella: "Leee John was wearing
these little pantaloons (Massed
chortles from everyone). It was so
funny — his hairy chest."
Miranda: "Leee John — the man
who says 'I don't believe in
exploiting sex but just look at the
size of my plonker'."
Stella: "I was on 'Blue Peter'
once. I just happened to be
wandering down to Camden
Market — fully made up — and lo
and behold there was the 'Blue
Feter' team. I just happened to
have a copy of the album under
my arm — signed by the band. I
stroked a llama too."



THE LEISURE PRINCIPLE

Stella: "We all impersonate people in our spare time. I mainly do characters we come across." Miranda: "She used to impersonate all of the Specials — one by one. And she does Alan Whicker."

Stella: "Miranda and I have telephone personalities . . . like, we're housewives. Miranda's 'Miriam' and I'm Peggy' and we chat on the phone And then I'm 'Mary' and she's 'Patricia' — the Irish ones . . ."

Judy: "Our favourite one is just the Irish accent of Dave Robinson (the boss of Stiff Records)."

Miranda: "We're all having a meeting with him and Lesley will go, 'Oh yes, that's very attractive', because everything's 'very attractive' to him. Then we all start. 'I want you to do a Steve Miller cover and do high kicks in the video. Yes, that'll be very attractive. You'll be number one world-wide'."



THE BELLE STARS enjoy a bit on the slide

THE MALE OF THE **SPECIES**

Miranda: "We could talk about Tony Parsons. We heckled him on 'Loose Talk' recently." Claire: "We could give him a Claire: "We could give him a sentence I suppose."
Sarah-Jane: "Tony Parsons really slagged us off for 'Slick Trick' — a single we brought out once. He was unnecessarily rude about how our instruments were all too expensive and we should sell them and gossip over a garden fence. How we've all got bad

legs.
"It was all really sexist stuff. He just wrote half a page of really vitriolic stuff like he hated us personally, and we'd never even met the man."

met the man." Stella: "Well, at least we got half a page." a page. Jennie: "He obviously doesn't get his oats. Tony Parsons does not get his oats."

COMMUNICATION

Claire: "Hello fans." Miranda: "Hello fan, you mean." Claire: "Oh, there ARE people who write regularly — asking us

who write regularly — asking us things."
Sarah Jane: "Where do you get your clothes from? Do you know Boy George? Everybody always asks us that. Do you remember that girl in France as we rushed into our van after that tv show? She was going 'Do you know Boy George? Do you know where he lives? Can I write to him?'
"Boy George doesn't like us because he says we're too much

because he says we're too much competition for him. It's because we do our make-up nicely."

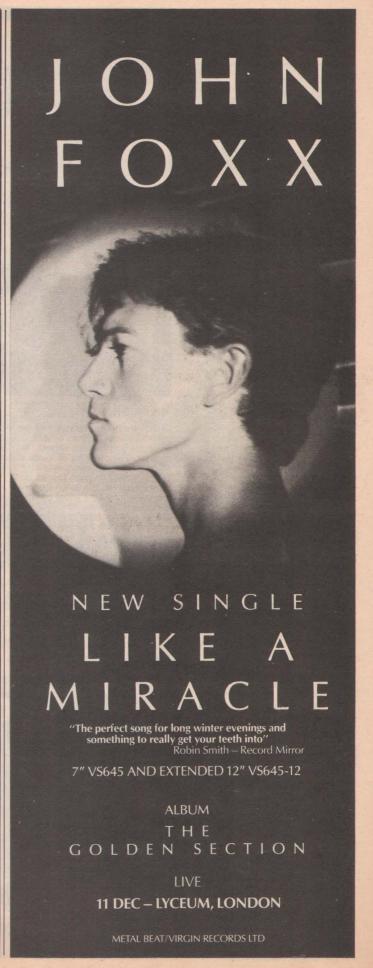
THE FUTURE

Sarah Jane: "The album will be out at the beginning of next year, but we don't know what we're going to call it yet."
Claire: "Yes, we're 'rush' releasing it in February."
Stella: "You can print that Carla from Jimmy the Hoover owes us a hundred quid. Ve know vere she is iz now zo." a nundred quid. Verknow verte she is iz now, zo . . ." Miranda: "Tell her we'll be round to get it. The initials are GBH." From a band who have often been treated as a big joke, the

Belle Stars are proving the old adage true — that she who laughs last DOES laugh longest. The interview draws to a close.
The tape stops running but the Belle Stars go on, and on, and



By Eleanor Levy







Suffered by GRAHAM K SMITH

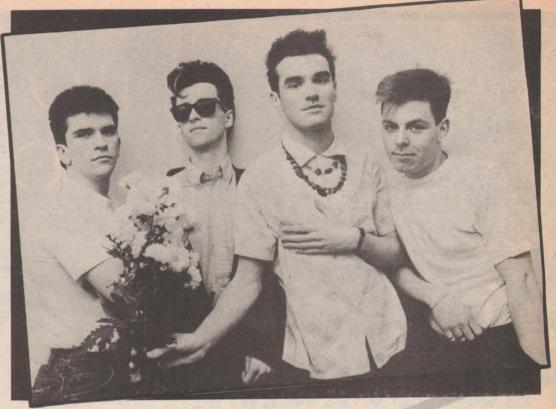
HAT A NIGHTMARE! Ensconced in my grimy garret with only a tumbler of flat Lucozade for solace, my frozen fingertips barely making sense of the typewriter keys, a horrible battle of mental kiss-chase was about to commence...

Bravely embarking on certain suicide missions, the emissaries from the lordly barons of the music biz nervously laid their often heinous wares at my feet, gamely requesting a 'good review' but crumbling in the face of my scantily diguised disdain.....

The final toll amounted to over

The final toll amounted to over one hundred sacrificial offerings of black plastic — and how many do you think made the

do you trink made the grade?......Two.
Just two meaty morsels in a slimy vegetarian broth — let's make a meal of the decidedly FABBY discs from THE ASSEMBLY with their bottomless soul searcher 'Never' Never', and THE SMITHS' gorgeous 'This Charming Man'. Morrissey is the man of the moment, a handsome devil with his finger in other people's pies and a lyrical twist ejaculating unforgettable one liners in a sensual celebration. He is touched and touching — a beautiful pivot for the pure pop jangle of Johnny



THE SMITHS: budding pop

Marr's trembling strings and the plop 'n crash of those other rigorous Smiths — a winner, a grinner. The meeting of Vince and Feargal was obviously one of those perfect liaisons forged in heaven above, the ex-Undertoner stepping into Alf's vocal booth in a majestic fashion. The electronics are as understated and insinuative as ever and Mr Sharkey milks the tune without erring into overkill. More Glory. With Morrissey and Sharkey in the charts some sort of pop nirvana might just be a step nearer...

...If not, the makeweights of the upper echelons will propably have to be relied upon to keep the hit parade a respectable place to be. A session in the gym might tighten these contenders up, meanwhile they're HAPPY but FLABBY! CAPTAIN SENSIBLE's "I'm A Spider" is a slice of typically endearing English whimsy, and I'd much rather see the Cap coining it than the legions of pouting new poppers that the

Biz is collectively massaging into dubious hitdom. 'This Independence' by MANHATTAN TRANSFER operates at the cooler end of the dancefloor market, over by the cocktail bar — while the grittier Special Brew and sawdust set will appreciate the UK release of Thomas Dolby's DOLBY'S CUBE, an electro mega mix for the hip hop contortionists.

BOOGIE TUNES seem to be bossing the nice but not special section as a trio of syncopated discs from the sussed London label continues to keep hips 'n feet frollicking — 'Tonight' from STEVE HARVEY, 'All My Love' from MAJOR HARRIS and THE STREETANGEL's 'Dressing Up' all do the business in a positively straightforward fashion. The latest HOT CHOCOLATE offering 'I'm Sorry' is much the same as most previous Hot Chocolate offerings — warm, pleasing, effective,

listenable, forgettable. 'The
Lifeboat Party', KID CREOLE's
blustery BigBandisco set opener
is a straight lift from the peerless
Charlie Callelo mix of pacey disco
and the massed ranks of a Glenn
Miller playalike orchestra — a
tasty distraction but no hit for the
Kid. Final dancefloor honours go
to a select duo extracted from the
happy confines of StreetSounds
sixth perfect party LP —
BEVERLEY SKEETE's
wonderfully rhythmic 'If The
Feeling Is Right' is a stomping
partner of the smoochier 'Tell Me
If You Still Care' by THE SOS
BAND.

And in total contrast quiet pop re-emerges in the form of JANE & BARTON's 'I Want To Be With You' and five songs from TRIXIE'S BIG RED MOTORBIKE which both utilise the Young Marble Giant attitude but fail to expand upon it

expand upon it.
...And so sadly after the plateau
of mild interest comes the rapid
slide into the very real depth of



despair that the vast majority of today's records appear intent on wallowing in...these are absolutely. SHABBY...

There are many, many people who should not be allowed to

There are many, many people who should not be allowed to make records, people whose previous dabblings in this (very) occasionally august art should be held up as evidence for the prosecution to immediately damn the perpetrators to far and distant lands, where only a lifetime's work with the needy could possibly make amends for their evil deeds. GEOFFREY DEANE is one such person. His new record 'What About Romance' sounds like a bad 'Everybody Salsa' which, I think, says it all.

HE CONTENDERS in this week's worst Rack 'N Rawl noise annoys category have all excelled themselves in the hideous row stakes, doing battle with fuzz geeeetar and yowling vocal chord in a blight to the death. 'God's Zoo' from DEATH CULT, 'The Beauty Of Poisin' (sic) by groovy cavers THE SPECIMEN, THE STRAY CATS 'Rebels Rule' and the latest from old fogeys THE ROLLING STONES entitled 'Undercover Of The Night' are all absolutely horrible, cadaverous examples of the moulding corpse of 'rock' music becoming bloated with the rotting odour of hot gaseous emissions from has-been and never-has-been egos.

The corrupt decadence of pop 1983, rooted in the false glory of **ABC's 'Poison Arrow'** but now just a cattle market for the disgusting whims of salesmen

and confidence tricksters, continues in supposedly fine fettle — as dross clogs up the charts, more dross naturally follows. Perm any two from these utter contrivances: KIM WILDE 'Dancing In The Dark', ZU ZU SHARKS 'Love Tumbles Down', DANSE SOCIETY 'Heaven Is Waiting', TOMBOY 'Why' — Lovely Kim has done so much better but after 'Love Blonde' this new tune is simply embarrassing — the others, though, deserve nothing better than total obscurity.

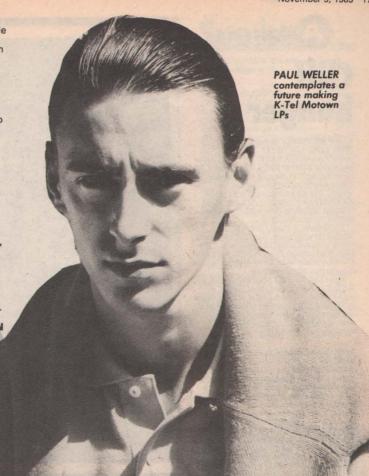
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...And finally a few Names to conjure with — old time winners and current icons all fall prey to the fact that you're only as financially viable as your last hit. Reputations might guarantee some succes here — pity!

'A Solid Bond In Your Heart'

"A Solid Bond In Your Heart' merely accelerates the caricature that Weller's STYLE COUNCIL has turned into — a K-Tel Motown workout dressed up in pathetically derivative sleeve notes — Forced Style is No Style. CARMEL's 'Willow Weep For Me' is just wearily so-so and IAN DURY's 'Really Glad You Came' is just plain sad.

Pic by Joe Shutter







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CLIFF RICHARD 'Silver'

(EMI EMC 1077871)
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, old chum. I was expecting a rather smug effort from Cliff considering that his career has been going nearly as long as 'Coronation Street,' but his enthusiasm is all there.

Street, 'but his enthusiasm is all there. He's had one or two hiccups, of course, like that appalling duet with Phil Everly, but his voice still cuts it.

This album includes some MOR stodge for your mum, but Cliff even puts those songs in a class of their own. Cliff even tries his hand very credibly at a spot of heavy metal with 'Love Stealer', which is quite Iron Maidenesque. If you can lay out a bit of extra cash, a limited edition boxed set of 'Silver' is also available where Cliff makes a tribute to his past on a selection of old rock and roll numbers. Listen to both records at one go and your contempt might just turn into admiration. ++++

Robin Smith

KISS 'Lick It Up' (Casablanca

VERL 9)
FINGER LICKIN' good? I think not. Sorry kids, but the cream has nearly gone. Kiss unmasked is like a 'Star Wars' film without the effects or a magician revealing the tricks of his trade. Their old revealing the tricks of his trade. Their old mystery and potential has been sacrificed to a straighter mainstream style, where only 'Not For The Innocent' and 'Gimme More' truly excite me. Kiss seem to be losing their appetite for the kill and zest. Frankly, I think they should buy back their shares in Revlon. + +

Robin Smith



OUT ON THE PEACE

PAUL McCARTNEY 'Pipes Of Peace' (Parlophone PCTU 1652301)

THERE ARE two records sitting on my desk— one a juicy Merseybeat compilation, the other Mr McCartney's latest headache for the income tax people.

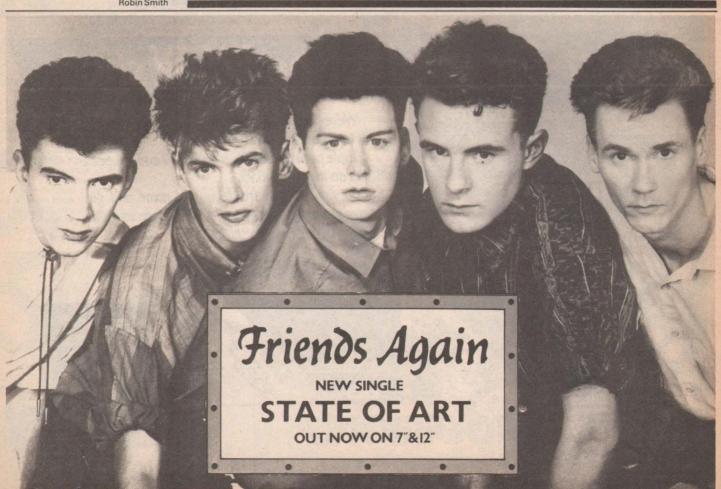
The Merseybeat compilation captures a beat

The Merseybeat compilation captures a beat boom in infancy and 20 years on it's still exciting. 'Pipes Of Peace' captures nothing more than a comfortable Sunday afternoon round at Macca's palace. Very comfortable, dears. It would be unfair of me not to mention in passing that 'Pipes Of Peace' is played, produced and arranged with consummate professionalism. Then again you'd expect that of any record that included the diverse talents of Stanley Clarke, Andy McKay, Eric Stewart, Steve Gadd, Ringo Starr and Michael Jackson. But that, I'm afraid, is not enough. The question this record begs is why does McCartney still carry on? 'Pipes' is so far behind the man's greatest moments. It's an album of habit and routine — it's not wrought of any

habit and routine — it's not wrought of any desire to do better, to improve. It's a decent

effort for a man who's lost inspiration and edge.
Three tracks illustrate McCartney's current
bankruptcy: 'So Bad'—lushness turned insipid,
'The Man'—the Isley's 'Summer Breeze' treated
by Paul Simon and played at your local supermarket, 'Average Person' - Chas and

Davish backbeat, Chas and Davish banality.
I like McCartney, he's got dignity. I only wish
he'd stop making records that dirty and smear his former greatness. +++



STEEL YOURSEL

CHINA CRISIS 'Working With Fire and Steel — Possible Pop Songs Volume Two' (Virgin V2286)

Fragile as yer mum's best bone china dinner service they may be, but there's a steely air of determination in their songwriting that never gives way to limp pretension. Firmly but gently me of Chinas weave pleasing textures, marrying acoustics with synthetics and throwing in oboes, strings, flutes and pure-voiced guest warblette Jane (of And Barton

fame).
It's not all hand-on-heart: 'Working With Fire And Steel' strikes a Talking Headsy uptempo pose which harks back to the legendary 'African And White', again echoed in the exceptionally sprightly 'Animals In Jungles'. But perhaps what they do best is the dewy-eyed, poetic ballady stuff like 'Here Cornes A Raincloud' and 'Soul Awakening', full of simple feelings and idiosyncratic harmony. They really do have quite an individual vocal sound.
A little effortlessly pleasing melody and hat-

A little effortlessly pleasing melody and hat-tipping to the Byrds later and you're all ready to be tucked up cosy in bed, warm and glowing. It would've been so easy for the lads to have come a sickly cropper and disappear up their own twee backsides; luckily, they've come through with their porcelain in tact. Strength through fragility.++++

Betty Page



Sue hot

SUE RECORDS 'Maximum R'n B' (Ensign Ensuc 3)

JUMPIN' MUSIC! Like a true musical philistine, I don't know much about R'n'B but I know what I like! And this is it.

A cassette-only release featuring 25 (count 'em) tracks from the vaults of Sue (count'em) tracks from the vaults of Sue Records, one of the innumerable New York independent labels, legion in the Sixties, mating the purity of Fifties blues with the more direct showbiz elements of the soul revue. This lucky dip of chart winners and dânce floor spinners marks the broad range of the Sue acts — from the better known hit paraders Charlie and Inez Foxx (the classic 'Mockingbird' plus a brace of equally arropy tithits) and mez-roxx (the classic Wocking) in plus a brace of equally groovy titbits), some really cheesy instrumentals like Hank Jacobs "So Far Away" right down into the gutters of taste with the camp cruiser "Itchy Twitchy Feeling" (1), a major contribution to club safety from Bobby Mondicke Hendricks.

Gawd knows where half these vinyl luminaries have ended up now. Tina Turner (here paired with bandleader hubby lke in a clutch of magic minors) appears to be the only survivor from the halcyon days chronicled here, her iconoclastic rock yowl already aggressively stamped on these '64

aggressively stamped on these of vintage efforts.

1983's apparent dearth of regular, quality aural stimulation means that a return to reissues and compilations like this is the only way us poor boys can keep body and soul together—so, Sue, keep it up and keep 'em coming. Graham K Smith

- - Worth taping Worth selling Worthless

Essential Worth scratching

GIRLSCHOOL 'Play Dirty' (Bronze **BRON 548)**

AS I would rather be locked in a dark, smelly room and have my bones gnawed away by vicious hamsters than listen to a heavy metal album, it was (quite) unlikely I would be sent into ecstacies over the new Girlschool

offering.
Well, the ground didn't exactly move,

Well, the ground didn't exactly move, but if it wasn't for those interminable guitar solos this wouldn't be at all bad. My foot tapped, I even sang a little. It's probably not very good heavy metal, but 'Play Dirty' is quite a laft.
Produced by Slade's Noddy Holder and Jim Lea, the songs are a mixture of thumps and screeches, but the version of 'Twentieth Century Boy' is a real beaut. To make the early Seventies connection even stronger, 'Going Under' sounds like an embryonic Abba, while 'High And Dry' confirms the suspicion that Girlshool are, in fact, the Sweet with less Girlshool are, in fact, the Sweet with less

make-up.
The band are rumoured to be "on the

The band are rumoured to be "on the way down". They may not be a Whitesnake (for which may we all be thankful), and they may have a tendency to over-do the pouting, but within the limits they set themselves, they are no worse than anyone else.

And as one of the most objectionable things about HM is the intense and very

silly concentration on willies, there are one or two reasons why Girlschool are easier to take than most. +

Eleanor Levy

ALJARREAU 'Ain't No Sunshine' (Blue Moon) MORE SILKY vocals from soul singer

MORE SILKY vocals from soul singer Al with this little LP, which is made up of versions of Bill Withers songs. It's not at all bad, either. Of course, smoothie Al can't really go wrong with his buttery vocals, and the gospel number 'Grandma's Hands' and traditional R&B song'The Same Love That Made Me Laugh' are both wonderful low-key affairs

affairs. Production is crude by today's Production is crude by today's standards, so his version of 'Lean On Me'—the most famous song here—sounds a little flat, begging for the might of some weightier production. It's a short album, as well (about 15 minutes a side), so probably only a worthwhile buy if it's in the cheapo section.+++

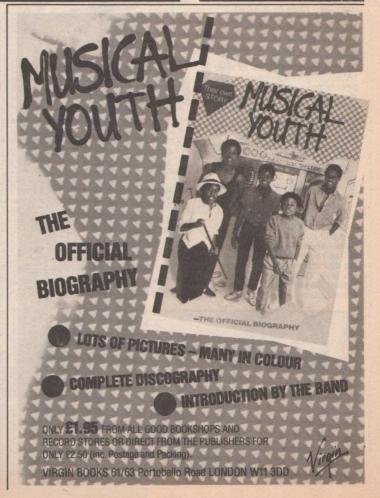
Simon Hills

UNITY 'Heat Your Body Up'
(Charisma CAS 1164)
AS COMMERCIAL a proposition as a Big
Mac, Unity are going for bust with this
album. The trouble with reggae is it
either goes over the top to get a Euro)
American international sound—as this American international sound - as this does — or remains a murky mix destined for a couple of blues parties before going

into oblivion. Unity are slick in the same way as Third World, pounding out obvious riffs with half-rootsy lyrics, and at their best, they are an extremely attractive package, if you accept their commercialism. At worst, as in 'Believe Me', the songs veer away from reggae to almost a rock mode and then the whole affair becomes hideously obvious.++

Simon Hills

GIRLSCHOOL: "really the Sweet with less make up," claims reviewer





Write to Mailman, Record Mirror, 40 Long Acre, London WC2

JUST WHO is Marilyn? All we ever seem to see are his pouting pink lips, or should I say hers – who can tell? – splashed all over your magazine. Does he sing, does he act, just what does he do? His claim to fame seems to be spending a holiday somewhere with Boy George, apart from the fact that he gets 'seen' in the right places – or does he follow your cameraman around all the time?

To be quite honest I'm sure there are better people to look at each week and I really don't care about him being the Eighties' brightest prospect just hope his new vinyl is worth waiting for - who knows, it may be worth all the publicity he's been getting.

D E Taylor, Sussex

 If the suspense is killing you, suffer no more. You're just a few pages away from enlightenment

I FEEL I must complain about the treatment Depeche Mode have received from the media and radio stations.

and radio stations.

At the beginning they were slagged off for being no more than teen idols by a lot of people. All the DJs at radio stations had some caustic comment to make about the band but - quite dramatically all this has changed. This is because of the release of their recent singles and album, and people are actually listening to them for what they are. It must annoy the band when they are suddenly gushed over, especially after two years of

being slagged off.
Martin Gore's songwriting
has been dragged through the mud; Dave Gahan's terrific voice has been abused in reviews by people such as Jim Reid.

I'm glad to say there are still a few loyal fans who've supported Depeche all along and will continue to do so!

Julie Lansley, Bexhill-On-Sea ● You're complaining because we like them?!? Don't worry, it's only 'Construction Time Again' - build 'em up to knock them down



WHAM! BAM! I've got hairy legs so I must be a man!!
Yes, I've just read that sooper feature on those wonderful Wham
lads. Who in God's name do they think they are? Prancing about
with their sunbed tans, sickly smiles, trendily streaked hair and, of course, the token tarts.

Georgie-Porgie and Andy-Pandy are so sexy – obviously their 'fans' are so young they do not know the true meaning of the word.

Ok, ok, so their first 'songs' had meaningful words but the fake American voices were positively nauseating! And 'Club Tropicana'? Tongue in cheek? More like finger up nose for what it was worth. Marc Almond may be skinny and white-skinned but at least he doesn't have to prove himself by skipping about in shorts and pretending to be a 'Bad Boy'!

A white sock-hating black snake

● They're both as bad as each other. Erotic-exotic? Bah! Given the choice it's got to be Wham – at least in 'Club Tropicana' the drinks



I WOULD be very grateful if you could possibly arrange for some photographs of Bananarama to brighten the walls of our tent out here while serving a six month tour in the Falklands.

A few photographs would really help with all of the lads' morale and also brighten up our few last months at Albatross Radar. I Ballantyne, Falkland Islands

• RECORD MIRROR - the paper that supports our boys is pleased to oblige

DOES MS R Cooke (Mailman Oct 22) know what she is talking about? Since when have the IRA 'blown up' (as

you put it) a pop star.
The IRA are a political group fighting for a united Ireland. I do not think they are concerned about pop stars. What about all the other groups like Kid Creole, Ultravox, Simple Minds and U2 that have been to the North? Have any died yet? No! Also Boy George was brought up by Irish Catholic parents, have you ever heard of the IRA killing a Catholic?

Why doesn't anybody mention the UDA or any of the other political groups? It's not so long ago a roadie for Spandau Ballet, Altered Images, Bananarama, etc, was shot dead by a British soldier.

I have been to the north and it is nothing like people say. So don't believe all the propaganda you read in the papers. Perhaps the reason why Boy George has not been there is because there is not a suitable venue as yet. I bet that he will go in the future.

Anon, Eire

And with that I declare the

Irish question closed

RECORD MIRROR is the mag Which hasn't really got a tag, It's content is high quality. Comments, news and reviews And some that make you blow

Private Files is the ditty,
That every week is very witty –
Who and when at all the

places Where you see the famous faces.

But you must be very careful To see it's not getting too commercial.

Problems? Yes - you can write And answers set the problem right.

And you can send in your own letter,

To make this magazine even better.

In conclusion, I'll keep on buying The mag that, well, keeps on trying!

A garden in Kew

The rhyme is good but the scan is flat Surely you can grovel better than that

THANK GOD you've brought back the US charts, and what a great format!

How you expect us to grow up to be Alan Joneses without such info I'll never know.

Vox pop, Anytown

• Grow up to be Alan Jones? And look like a 48K computer with two legs, two arms and a teleprinter for a mouth?

I LIKE the new RM logo. One of the typing monkeys get loose with the crayons again

Anne Powell, Perthshire Typing monkey indeed! Just behave yourself or you'll get a free holiday in Grenada





Gruen Bob

> ow THE Bay City Rollers seem to be gigging again, can you give me any info about their management or anywhere else I could find out where they are likely to be appearing in the future.
>
> Karen, Allenton, Derby
>
> The Rollers all have other commitments at the moment and are spread out from Japan to Los Angeles! But, they'll be back in England in January/February and will be playing dates throughout the UK. So keep an eye on your RECORD MIRROR for further info! **OW THE Bay City Rollers seem**

GOING TO POT

Y GIRLFRIEND smokes pot or whatever you like to call it, which has led to friction between us. She says it's not addictive but I'm not convinced. Could you tell me the facts?

●Apart from the question of whether pot — or to use its proper name, cannabis — is addictive or not, doesn't your girlfriend realise that this is an illegal substance? It is the most widely used illicit drug in Britain and is known as a Class B drug. This means that if your girlfriend is caught in possession of the drug she could get three months imprisonment and a £500 fine, if the case went before a magistrate's court. In the crown court the penalties are much higher — five years imprisonment and an unlimited fine. It is generally believed that cannabis is non-addictive, but maybe after presenting your girlfriend with the facts, she will think more seriously about what she is doing and if you make your position on the subject clear to her, maybe she will realise that something she thought was fun could turn out to be not so lunny after all.

T present, I'm studying one 'O/A' and two 'O' level subjects at a college of further education in Cheshire, part-time. Next year I want to do 'A' levels at a London college on a part-time basis.

a part-time basis.
Can you send me a list of London
colleges and details of courses
offered? Also, as I'd be living away
from home I'd need to acquire student
accommodation. Any suggestions?

M. Chachia

accommodation. Any suggestions?
M, Cheshire

A full dossier on colleges of further
education and courses is included in
an Inner London Education Authority
booklet, 'GCE Courses In London
Colleges', and a copy of this free
publication is in the post to you. Once
equipped with addresses you'll need
to apply to each college individually.
Unfortunately, colleges of further

education don't usually have student accommodation attached to them, although an accommodation officer or student counsellor at a college of your choice might be able to make some suggestions in advance, but don't

Suggestions in advance, so count on it.

Another big stumbling block to taking up an 'A' level course in London on a part-time basis has to be the fact that you wouldn't get grant

aid.
So, unless you were planning to
work in the big city you could have
problems of survival. Both finding a
job and a place to live would be
priorities in any plans to move. And,
you might decide that continuing your
sufficies while living at home might be
a hatter hat a better bet.

Other freebies from ILEA include

Problems? Need some ideas or information fast? Or would it help to talk things over? Write to Susanne Garrett, 'Help', Record Mirror, 40 Long Acre, London WC2. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope to ensure a personal reply Alternatively, ring our Helpline, office hours, Monday to Friday on 01-836 1147

'English Classes For Students From Abroad', and, out this year, 'Opportunities in Art and Design', a review of diploma and foundation art courses for people in the 16-19 age-group. Copies from ILEA Information Centre, Room 80, County Hall, London SE1

WANT to stop smoking and wondered if there is anywhere I can send away for information on how to stop?

to stop?
Dave, Cheshire

I did it and so can you! Techniques for giving up tobacco, which everyone knows damages your health as well as your pocket, are many and varied and you'll need to choose one which suits you as an individual.

They range from cooling out on pricating chewing a um available on pricating chewing a um available on

nicotine chewing gum, available on prescription from your doctor, to gradually cutting down the amount and strength of the brand you smoke

and strength of the brand you smoke to exercising mammoth quantities of willpower, resolving to stop and simply doing so.

For a free 'Giving Up' kit, including information leaflets and a badge which you can wear to deter your mates from offering you a quick blast, write, enclosing a medium sized sae to Action On Smoking and Health, (ASH), 5/11, Mortimer Street, London W1.

THIS WEEK is Transatlantic time, folks. Anyone who wants to get in touch with Cheryl (17), from Alberta, Canada, who loves Duran Duran, Culture Club and David Bowie, or deejay Felix (18), from San Diego, USA, into music and trivia, let us know. All letters will be mailed on. This service is free.

Girlschool

THEIR NEW ALBUM

PLAY DIRTY

ALBUM BRON 548. CASSETTE BRONC 548.



CASSETTE **FEATURES EXTRA TRACK** 'LIKE IT LIKE THAT'



N FATIGUES but never fatigued, Perry Haines is nevertheless a more thoughtful figure than the burst of youthful energy he was two years ago.

Then he was asking 'What's Funk?', now he knows it's 'So Hot'. Then he was first with the idea of punk-funk: dynamic dance with a hard-hitting message. Others tried it, discarded it (hi George!) leaving the field clear once more for the originator to come through with a new set of slogans. But the man himself can

tell you better than I . . .
"The Haines Gang is a project,
a vehicle which confronts me with all sorts of new dimensions to work in, so that's exciting for me. I like to see a marriage between style and movement. The Haines Gang allows me to have dancers involved who can realise dreams and fantasies

... like when you're dancing in a club, and you're spinning, really high on the music and you wish you could fly or leap or jump — they really can do pirouettes and leap in the air on video.

Hang on there, let's just go back a bit, fill in the gaps after Perry left hip lifestyle bible 'l-d' and clublife behind . . .

HAINESPEAK: "Streetcred's a packageable commodity used by everything from Weetabix to Levi's."

"I did the Dolphin club, where, with the experience of releasing a record and taking stock of my various experiences, I developed some sort of philosophy for myself about life — I'm still well into dolphins — then I evolved a partnership with Rod of Fetish Records as a management company which takes care of The Haines Gang project and the band King. Then I formed a songwriting partnership with Sketch of Linx, who is an excellent musician with a lot of rhythm and a heart, and we got into a groove together. I wrote the lyrics and the melody and he organised the musical side of it. We did demoes and got the London deal from that.

HAINESLOGAN: "Youth walks through every wardrobe's door with his ears and eyes open."

"It's a facility to be able to work with all different peoples, it's a sensible reflection of the times and myself as an individual, it doesn't limit me, I can draw on different skills. I'm working with a choreographer to help audition dancers and help with the presentation of it. It took me a time to sort things out as a working practical reality and to work out Dolphin Lovers as a company, which allows me to have my interests in creative management and TV as well as the Haines Gang — now it's a well-oiled machine with its own office and everything."

HAINESTYLE: Customised Dr Martens, 'Apocalypse Now'

PHILOSOPHICAL Perry accepts that others grasped his ideas and made them successful:

"I have a positive outlook you're a source person you'll have more ideas and move on. But it's nice to see an idea or feeling has been proved to work. If someone gets the formula right, good for them."

So how would he react to commercial success for himself,

'I'd like chart success. I'd like to spread my ideas and feelings and entertainment to as many people as possible. If there's something of value to share and it has success, that'|| be brilliant. You can choose to participate in the game or criticise it - I'm prepared to work with a major record company, and I'm excited by the prospect of realising my ideas through it."

Betty Page

HAINESHOPE: "To capture the mass emotive effect of cinema.



'M SPENDING a couple of hours with Kate Garner in her bedroom and we're having a very nice time.

"I'm sure we've met somewhere before," she says. "Didn't we do an interview at a studio in Wapping and you asked me if I'd had my teeth capped? No, perhaps not. You don't look like the sort of person who could be that rude."

rude."
Ah, she's such a nice girl.
And before you go getting the
wrong idea, the invitation into
Kate's room was merely for
business purposes. A chat
about her solo single 'Love Me
Like A Rocket' — a prime
piece of electro funk — and
the future of Haysi Fantayzee.
Rumours say that Haysi is due
to bite the dust faster than
John Wayne falling off a
horse, but Kate denies it.
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us. Jeremy and I are off to

"It's just a break for both of us. Jeremy and I are off to Japan in November and we'll be doing a new album together. He just wanted to take a rest from bringing out single after single. Jeremy's really quite quiet you know. He really has to work hard at being an extrovert. At the moment he's mixing some American tapes together for an album. He's a fantastic mixer, I've heard that he's even better than the people in mixer, I ve neard that he's even better than the people in New York. Jeremy's also done the music for the Technics ad, so he's keeping very busy."
Kate also reveals that Jeremy has had his dreadlocks shaved off.

shaved off.

"He just got bored with
them I suppose. He didn't pull
the strands out properly —
boys never take care of their
hair, you're all the same. I
think he went into an ordinary
barbers and asked to have it
all off. I expect they couldn't
believe their luck."

There's been no such drastic

There's been no such drastic treatment for Kate. She's keeping her locks firmly on, especially since she was

menaced by an Italian

"He kept trying to touch me up. Ooh, he was a lecherous old bastard. He said 'You must have zees colour here and zees

have zees colour here and zees colour there, you must be dramatic.' Those sort of people will always try and muck you around and ruin everything."

Kate's just washed her frolicsome locks and she's busy making herself up for our photo session, rumagging around in her bag in front of a huge mirror. She shares her bedroom with her boyfriend and Haysi mentor Paul Caplin. They've had it done out for a cool £1,000. An interior designer draped acres of

designer draped acres of frothy cloth from the ceiling.
Kate hasn't got a wardrobe, and keeps most of her clothes on a long rack. The rest are stored in a honeycomb of wall

cupboards.

"It looks as if I've got a lot, but really there's not much there. A lot of the stuff I keep is cloth that I'm going to have made up. But it impresses German and Japanese photographers when I pull things out dramatically."

ATE'S room is part of a huge old office that's been converted into a flat with a stunning view over London. Trouble is that there isn't much heating and it's absolutely freezing in winter. Last Christmas, Kate and friends huddled together for warmth watching television. Fans often drop by and Kate got into trouble with Paul the other day for inviting some of them in for a cup of tea. Being friendly does have its price. A studded belt Kate bought in New York has mysteriously disappeared along with a couple of Walkmans.

Kate makes friends anywhere. One is a girl called Susan who chatted to her in Oxford Street and she's met a couple of self taught body poppers up at Notting Hill.

But it's difficult spotting kate on the streets because she usually goes out without make up. In fact she hates wearing it at all.

"Jeremy never used to take his stuff off. He'd even sleep with it still on and then touch it up in the morning. But he's always had beautiful skin.
After this session is over I'll take all this off.

"I really curse my father for giving me jug ears. Look at them, they're so big. My eyes are too small as well and my face is broad. It doesn't suit

face is broad. It doesn't suit shots from the side.

"I'm very pale, after a late night my skin goes very blotchy and I burn easily. In Australia I was burnt twice, but I think pale skins are coming back into fashion.

They're something to treasure because they look so pure.

"Next time I go abroad I'm going to sit under a shade and wear black clothes all the time. I did like Australia though, it's sophisticated but it's dirty at the same time. I appeared in lots of magazines over there.

over there.

over there.

"For one shot they had a size ten dress for me to wear but it was too big. My shoulders aren't very broad, I wish they were bigger and then clothes would hang a lot better. The dress just slid off. We had to stuff paper and cotton wool down the front to keep it up and give me fake keep it up and give me fake

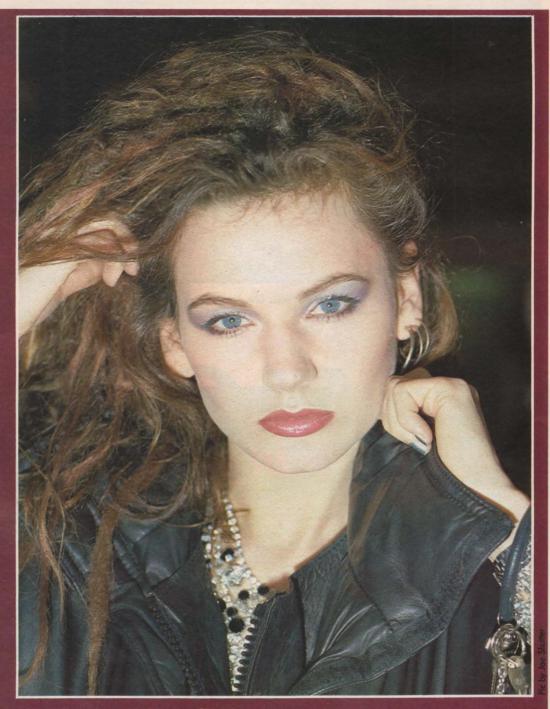
keep it up and give me take bosoms.

"We appeared on 'Countdown' in Australia, it's the equivalent of 'Top Of The Pops'. We met Malcolm McLaren and he was a bit aloof at first. He was doing a dance and he fell over and cracked a light.

cracked a light.
"Jeremy did this really
fantastic mix of 'Skippy The
Bush Kangaroo' and 'Buffalo
Gals', it was really great."

HIS sounds nearly as wacky as Kate's new single. If you thought Haysi were good then 'Love Me Like A Rocket' is really

Me Like A Rocket' is really going to floor you.
"We thought we'd have to go to New York to record it, but then we met up with three people called Torch Song.
They have this brilliant studio



with lots of toys.

"I sat down and wrote the chorus one day. Then I phoned all my friends up to make sure I hadn't copied it from I hadn't copied it from somewhere unconsciously. That happens sometimes if an idea suddenly strikes you. "The song is about making love. Well, most songs are, aren't they? "I think I've been able to use my voice a lot more on this record. It's a dance track, I love all that material by

George Clinton and people like

Kate seems to have a new image as well. She's binned some of her colourful threads in favour of a more sophisticated line in sensual

leather.
"I don't know about a new look," she says. "It's just the things I like to wear. In the past, the difficulty has been that everybody copied me. It was difficult keeping one step ahead all the time.

"Would you like to see my new dress? It's lovely leather and chiffon. I bought this jacket for £120, could you bite off one of the threads for

As I dutifully oblige, Kate tells me that she'd like to do a tour but she would like to be part of a roadshow with a live band.

"Me and Jeremy did some dates in Germany with tapes and it was horrible. I think I'd like to be part of a package

with other people, it would stop me getting lonely. I'm working on a video as well. I want it to be a piece of new psychedelia using big blobs of colour like Pink Floyd had. I think it's important to keep moving on. I like to mix with people who have a broad vision. I'm never going to vegetate in a nice cosy house somewhere." somewhere.

LL RIGHT class . . . stop sniggering and pay attention. Today we are going to learn about Marilyn. None of this 'Is it a bird? Is it a bloke?', 'Androgynous, sultry Marilyn' rubbish.

Marilyn, my little chickens, is a bloke. Without a doubt. What's more, contrary to popular ignorant belief, he's thoroughly unpretentious and unassuming at that.

When I met him on a sweet semi-sunny afternoon, I was immediately disarmed with a firm but easy handshake and completely captivated by his careless charm and instant smile

"You're very hippy," Marilyn observed pleasantly as we accommodated ourselves on some very squishy furniture at Haysi's West End warehouse.

Yes, but only as a protest at trendy clothes: I'm supposed to look opulent, I explain.
"I like hippies," he says with a

grin, and fixing me with a hypnotic hazel gaze at the same

"Blue hat for a blue blecch!" he sings, half to himself in a wicked imitation of Nick Heyward. "Do you know he said my single ('Calling Your Name' to you and me) was coffee table music?" He

FOU GET the impression that if you were to tear your clothes off, light a fire and dance around it under Marilyn's nose, it's doubtful if he'd even notice. If he did, the most he'd do is raise one perfectly shaped eyebrow and blink aimiably at you, patiently waiting for you to

So, in the end, I decide it's better to abandon any shock tactics, and just plug on through the list of questions on my knee.

OK, so why did you scoot off to Los Angeles and a post bag full of knickers, then?

"I s'pose I just wanted to see a



MARILYN with Miss Claudia

a solid in your heart

"Um, well, when I draw, I draw on paper," he grins, boyishly. Alright, I deserved that ... "But no, what I sing about, is um, lots of different things, whatever I feel that day. The past. What's happened to me. Different situations. That sort of thing. You know."

Marilyn doesn't look at the ceiling or the floor when he's

ceiling or the floor when he's searching for words, which can be very unnerving, he looks directly at you instead. No use trying to stare him down; it's a better idea to just let yourself blush and get rewarded with a triumphant chuckle and a wicked

Alright then, time for trusty old chestnut number two: so what about musical influences? Is there one artist you really admire? "Diana Ross," he answers

enthusiastically without hesitation.

"Just everything about her. The

HERE'S BEEN a lot of media fuss made over the fact that you're friends with a certain Mr O'Dowd. Does that bother you? I mean, do you think it's going to be difficult to shake off the 'Boy George's Chum' tag? Marilyn prods his lower lip with his index finger thoughtfully for a

minute before answering.

"I'd never deny my friendship with him," he states calmly. "But no, I don't like it when people keep going on about it. If they want to know about him, they

"What can I say?" he asks, smiling ruefully. "If you're friends with someone, you're friends



by Jessi McGuire

with someone, Who cares?" Don't you think it's silly though, that you're constantly being compared with him, when I would have thought that you were more comparable with Haysi Fantayzee?

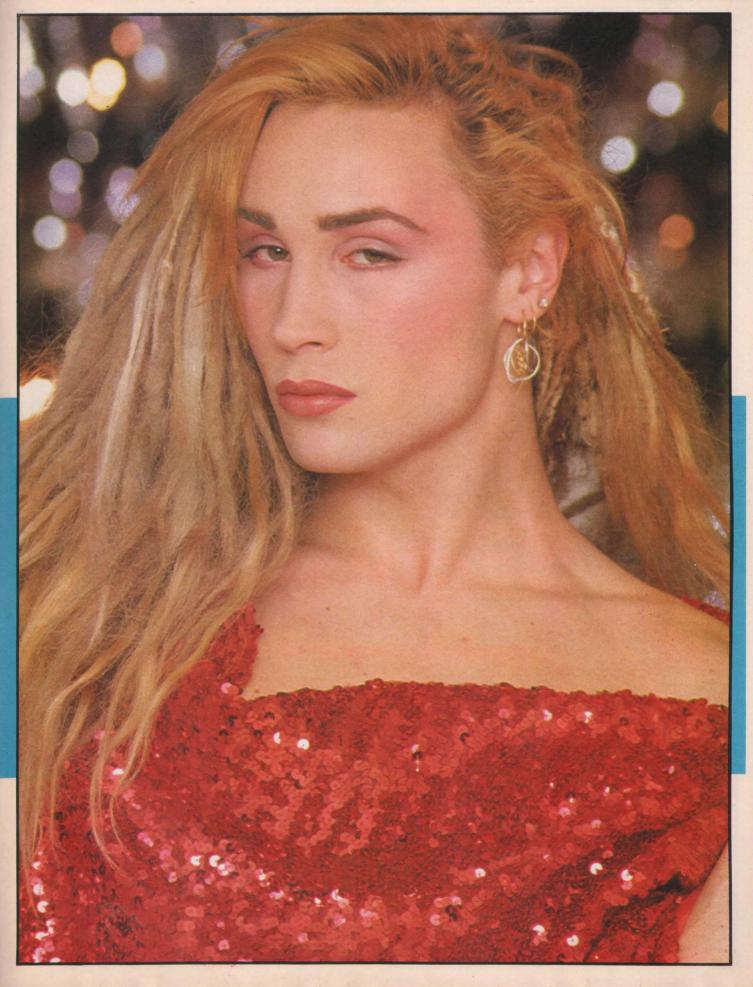
"Yeah, I mean it's ridiculous, Blanche! Because here I am, I'm working in Haysi Fantayzee's office," Marilyn says, getting animated for the first time. "You

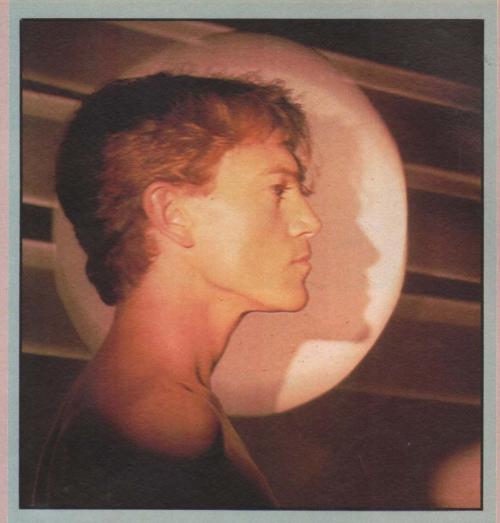
earnest claire hayner face. My school-life was the nightclubs. I was, like, being childish, then. I'm approaching adulthood, now."
How old are you, then?
"Twenty, I'll be 21 in November," he says, frankly.

(Cue floods of flowers and knickers through the post...)
Well, you're obviously not bothered about becoming a star with all the trappings of fame, are you? I ask, as his whole manner seems to indicate that he couldn't

care less. "Um, well," Marilyn leans back against the sofa and ties several dreadlocks together behind his head. "Stars to me are dying planets, so I don't think I'm one

of those. "I'm just doing what I've gotta do and if people like it, great, and if they don't, tough cookie." He turns a blinding smile on me. "It's no skin off my nose."





EETING JOHN Foxx is a bit of a shock. Opennecked shirt, quiet northern accent, amiable conversation ranging from nuclear holocausts to Ealing film comedies — I don't know what I expected but this wasn't it. Could the man sitting before me really be the severe neo-automaton in a kipper-tie who had "click-click droned" to 'Underpass' on Top Of The Pops three years ago?

Since then Foxx's music has evolved from the Orwellian **EETING JOHN Foxx is**

evolved from the Orwellian bleakness of that 'Metamatic' period to the lighter, some may even say happy, tone of his latest release, the attractive 'The Golden Section' and his new single 'Like A Miracle'.

In those years, Foxx explains, it's not just the music that's

changed.
"When I made 'Metamatic' I did feel like that album. I was like a ghost for two years. I didn't go out much and I often just walked about by myself. It was a kind of romantic narcissism and was very

frightening."
The clinical electronics of that time have been replaced by a much more spontaneous sound that has a warmer optimistic feel about it.

"Mmm," John agrees with a tinge of irony in his voice, "I've been alright for a bit now." John Foxx is a pleasant,

healing \

articulate man. He's probably given the same answers to the same questions a hundred times before but he doesn't make it too obvious. Disarmingly honest at times, he explains that he finds giving interviews or meeting someone new who already knows about him, a strange experience. "I'm always conscious that I might disappoint them," he says.

ETURNING to the new album, the reason after all this interview is taking place, I express interest, and a certain bewilderment, at some of Foxx's lyrics. As usual, they are not your run-of-the-mill boy/girl

not your run-or-the-mill boy/girl straight love songs.
"I don't enjoy things which are too obvious," he explains, "unless they're beautifully simple. Some Beatles songs were — like 'And I Love Her' — which was lovely. You can't better that — they just move you. If I can't do that, I'd rather do something

that's more intricate.

"I just like words because they trigger images off in people's minds. If you say 'A Man' to six people they all have a different man in mind and that's the really exciting thing about it. And if you can keep away from being specific you can affect people a lot more because it gives them room to imagine themselves into your song.

your song.
"I always hated bad lyrics.
You'd listen to a song and think,
'that sounds wonderful' — but
then it's really disappointing
when you hear the words. It's like
diving into a swimming pool with
no water. You think 'Oh this is
going to be beautiful' and then,
bang."

OXX'S reasons for being proud of the new album, though, aren't just to do with the quality of his songwriting.
"One of the main reasons I like it so much is because I did half of it in only eight days, which is a

change. Some of the tracks I change. Some of the tracks i spent ages doing but after a while I thought 'sod this' and just locked myself in a studio with a lot of sweat and excitement."

"Excitement" is a key word in long Ecycle yogahulary at the

John Foxx's vocabulary at the moment. He uses it a lot, particularly when explaining his reasons for embarking on the first tour since his days as leader of the infant Ultravox

"The only thing that interests

me at the moment are bands like U2 and Big Country.

"I'm just really excited by them because it's just live music; it's audiences again, back to sweating on stage and I love all that. I was one of the first people to pull away from it all," he admits, acknowledging the irony of what he is saying, "and went to do videos and tapes and all that, but I realise now that when you're out of contact with people you can die if you're not careful.

"When you go on stage things happen, and when it's going well there's a kind of magic feeling. It's not because the figure on stage is magical, it's just the excitement of people being together with a common

purpose.
"What I really want above all,"
says the man who three years
ago produced one of the most chilling and emotionless records ever conceived, "is just to move people."

Eleanor Levy



THE MACHO leatherman above once had a UK No 1 with 'Puppy Love'. Name him for the first question of this week's animal-loving

TRIVIA QUIZ

Who were 'Cool For Cats'?

Who were 'Cool For Cats'?
'They Shoot Horses Don't They' — who did?
What was the Stray Cats first British hit?
Which dirty seventies combo had 'Tiger Feet'?
Which seventies star has turned to the same religion as Poly Styrene?
Which group have just reformed the house of the rising sun?
Which is the only David Bowie single produced by Giorgio Moroder?
What has proved to be Tight Fit's only number one hit?
Which group have recently been in the top 75 with 'Can't Stop Running'?
From which country will you find a 'horse with no name'?
Who scored a hit in 1978 with the top tenner, 'Just One More Night'?
What was the name of the LP recorded together by John Lennon and Harry
Nilsson?

Nilsson'
15 Which animal outfit scored a novelty hit last year with 'Ruff Mix'?
16 Who scored a hit in 1975 with 'Love Me Love My Dog' — clue (hardly) — he was Alvin Stardust's producer?
17 Who scored a mini-hit with the theme to Clint Eastwood's film, 'Every

Who scored a mini-int with the theme to clint Eastwood's lilin, Every Which Way But Loose?
Elaine Page's biggest hit to date was 'Memory' from 1981 — from which musical was it taken?
What was Adam & The Ants' first top 10 hit?
Who witnessed the 'Year Of The Cat'?
Their biggest UK hit was 'Mama Told Me Not To Come' from 1970 — who

Were they?
Which breed of dog had a reggae hit with 'Black And White' in 1971?
Who were 'Looking After Number 1' in 1977?
Who scored an appalling hit with 'Mississippi' at the top of the charts in

Which band, formerly managed by Malcolm McLaren, could be described as

ANSWERS

1 Donny Osmond, 2 Squeeze, 3 Racing Cers, 4 'Runaway Boys', 5 Elvis (Presley), 6 Mud, 7 Space Monkey, 12 America, 13 Yellow Dog, 14 'Pusaycats', 15 Wonderdog, 16 Peter Space Monkey, 12 America, 13 Yellow Dog, 14 'Pusaycats', 15 Stewart, 21 Three Dog Might, 17 Eddie Rabbir, 18 'Cats', 18 'Osts', 24 Dusaycat, 25 Miswart, 21 Three Dog Might, 22 Greyhound, 23 Boomrown Rats, 24 Pusaycat, 25 Bow Wow Wow.

FIRST CORRECT entry out of the postbag wins a blockbusting £5 record token

ACROSS

Truthful singer (6,7)

Mad place (5)

Belle Stars hit (4,2,3,5)

Found in the heart of Squeeze

Skids entry to the country 12 (4,3,6)

Where you might find Stuart

Adamson (2,1,3,7) It was Kim Wilde's debut hit (4,2,7)

What Nick was in his Haircut 18 days (7,4) Given by Donna Summer

(13,4) What Phil Oakey wanted you

to do (4,4,5) House for Madness (3)

New Order, Freeez producer (6,5)

An Osmond (5)

(11,4,4)

hit (5) 14 See 9 down 16 Super vagrant (5)

(4,2,3,5,4)

'Smoke On The Water' was one of their biggest hits (4,6)

Where King Kurt are heading

Thing or Life (4)
The European hit of '83 (5,4)
& 14 down What Kate Bush
felt in 1978 (3,4,8)

Times three for 1975 Sparks

19 & 21 down 1982 Pretenders hit

Condition of Larry's Band (3) See 19 down It contained the Things That

Spandau brother (4,4)

What Randy Crawford is hanging on (9) Eddy Grant No 1 (1,4,5,5) The Who could --- for miles (3)

33 Agnetha's other name (8)

23 1983 Laura Branigan hit (6) 24 Poison --- took The

Lambrettas into the charts in 1980 (3)

Recent Gang Of Four LP (4)

28 Mr Bryson's partner (5) 31 Damned drummer (3)

LAST WEEK'S X-WORD SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Pat Benatar, 4 Hot Space, ACRUSS: 1 Par Benatar, 4 Hot Space, 7 An Innocent Man, 9 Clues, 10 Light My Fire, 11 Never Say Die, 13 Sat In Your Lap, 14 OK Fred, 16 Looking, 18 Glory, 19 Love Train, 20 Lol, 21 Ferry, 24 Him, 25 Anita, 26 Ben, 27 Ian, 28 Blaster, 30 Safety, 32 Dee Snider, 33

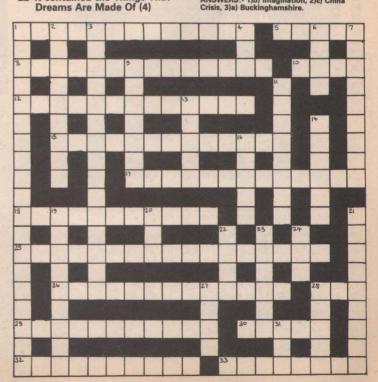
DOWN; 1 Peabo Bryson, 2 This Is Not A Love Song, 3 Agnetha, 5 Space Monkey, 6 August Darnell, 8 I Second That Emotion, 10 Living On The Ceiling, 12 Dead Giveaway, 15 Motor Mania, 17 Iva Davies, 19 Love Blonde, 22 Dance, 23 Jim Kerr, 24 Happy, 29 Them, 30 Soul, 31 WEA.

LAST WEEK'S X-WORD WINNER Bob McCready, 66 Thundersley Park Road, Benfleet, Essex.

Howard Jones comp winners

Sheryl Woodcock, Totnes, Devon; Wayne Hopkins, Sheldon, Birmingham; Mark Philips, Banbury, Oxon; Keith Horton, Newport, Gwent; Sarah Trowse, Wooburn Moor, Bucks; Mr A C Harrold, Kings Lynn, Norfolk; A Smith, Sawbridgeworth, Herts; Julie Searle, Leicester; M Brown, Maidstone, Kent; A McGaw, Stenhousemuir, Strilngshire; Yvonne Flear, Uttoxeter; Paul Foulkes, Didsbury, Manchester; Miss D Pearce, High Wycombe, Bucks; Caroline Lowry, Leeds; Gavin Butt, Ripley, Derbys; Penny Meade, Chelmsford, Essex; Debble Jones, Cardiff; Kathryn McCall, Tyne & Wear; Tony Enguell, Ongar, Essex; T A Salmon, Berkhamsted, Herts.

ANSWERS:- 1)b) Imagination, 2)c) China Crisis, 3)a) Buckinghamshire.



ISLANDS IN THE STREAM, Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton, RCA ALL NIGHT LONG (ALL NIGHT), Lionel Richie, Motown TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE HEART, Bonnie Tyler, Columbia ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER, The Fixx, MCA UPTOWN GIRL, Billy Joel, Columbia SAY SAY SAY, Paul McCartney and Michael Jackson, Columbia MAKING LOVE OUT OF NOTHING AT ALL, Air Supply, Arista 10 11 DELIRIOUS, Prince, Warner Bros TELEFONE (LONG DISTANCE LOVE AFFAIR), Sheena Easton, EMI-America TRUE, Spandau Ballet, Chrysalis SUDDENLY LAST SUMMER, The Motels, Capitol CUM ON FEEL THE NOIZE, Quiet Riot, Pasha/Associated KING OF PAIN, The Police, A&M IF ANYONE FALLS, Stevie Nicks, Modern MODERN LOVE, David Bowie, EMI-America TONIGHT I CELEBRATE MY LOVE, Peabo Bryson/Roberta Flack, Capital. 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 CAPITOL CAPITOL CAPITAL CAPITA 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 20 19 30 23 27 13 18 25 24 40 21 29 31 33 34 38 HOW MANY TIMES CAN WE SAY GOODBYE, Dionne Warwick Luther Vandross, Arista DR HECKYLL & MR JIVE, Men At Work, Columbia AUTOMATIC MAN, Michael Sembello, Warner Bros QUEEN OF THE BROKEN HEARTS, Loverboy, Columbia MIRROR MAN, The Human League, A&M WHY ME?, Irene Cara, Geffen (SHE'S) SEXY + 17, Stray Cats, EMI-America JUST GOT LUCKY, JoBoxers, RCA SPICE OF LIFE, Manhattan Transfer, Atlantic THE SMILE HAS LEFT YOUR EYES, Asia, Geffen MY TOWN, Michael Stanley Band, EMI-America AIN'T NOBODY, Rufus With Chaka Khan, Warner Bros IN A BIG COUNTRY, Big Country, Mercury SOULS, Rick Springfield, RCA MAJOR TOM (COMING HOME), Peter Schilling, Elektra INVISIBLE HANDS, Kim Carnes, EMI-America BREAK MY STRIDE, Matthew Wilder, Private TWIST OF FATE, Olivia Newton-John, MCA BIG LOG, Robert Plant, Es Paranza PROMISES, PROMISES, Naked Eyes, EMI-America STOP DOGGIN' ME AROUND, Klique, MCA I GUESS THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT THE BLUES, Elton John, Geffen uther Vandross Arista 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 28 36 35 39 46 22 41 42 44 43 52 51 47 48 50 49

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OLD TIME ROCK & ROLL, Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band, UNION OF THE SNAKE, Duran, Duran, Capitol
I WON'T STAND IN YOUR WAY, Stray Cats, EMI America

SYNCHRONICITY II, The Police, A&M TIME WILL REVEAL, DeBarge, Gordy I NEED YOU, Pointer Sisters, Planet ONLY YOU, The Commodores, Motown

61	69	THE WAY HE MAKES ME FEEL, Barbara Streisand, Columbia
62	_	OWNER OF A LONELY HEART, Yes, Atco
63	66	TALKING IN YOUR SLEEP, The Romantics, Nemperor
64	67	STAY WITH ME TONIGHT, Jeffrey Osborne, A&M
66	80	WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT, Naked Eyes, EMI-America
67	68	ON THE DARK SIDE, Eddie and the Cruisers, Scotti Bros
68	_	ALLERGIES, Paul Simon, Warner Bros
70	83	I AM IN LOVE, Jennifer Holliday, Geffen
76	88	HOLIDAY, Madonna, Sire
77	81	CAUGHT IN THE GAME, Survivor, Scotti Bros
79	82	IJUST CAN'T WALK AWAY, Four Tops, Motown
80	84	WHAT'S NEW, Linda Ronstadt, Asylum
85	91	NO ONE CAN LOVE YOU MORE THAN ME, Melissa Manchester,
		Arista
90	_	JOANNA, Kool And The Gang, De-Lite
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95	2	DIRTY LOOKS, Juice Newton, Capital
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US albums

SYNCHRONICITY, The Police, A&M
THRILLER, Michael Jackson, Epic
MENTAL HEALTH, Quiet Riot, Pasha
FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF NIGHT, Bonnie Tyler, Columbia
AN INNOCENT MAN, Billy Joel, Columbia/CBS
PYROMANIA, Def Leppard, Mercury
EYES THAT SEE IN THE DARK, Kenny Rogers, RCA 3 5 GREATEST HITS, Air Supply, Arista FLASHDANCE, Soundtrack, Casablanca 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 PLASHDANCE, SOUNDTRACK, CASADIANCA
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ELIMINATOR, ZZTop, Warner Bros
REACH THE BEACH, The Fixx, MCA
THE PRINCIPLE OF MOMENTS, Robert Plant, Es Paranza
LIVE FROM EARTH, Pat Benatar, Chrysalis
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THE WILD HEART, Stevie Nicks, Modern THE WILD HEART, Stevie Nicks, Modern
THE CROSSING, Big Country, Mercury
COLD BLOODED, Rick James, Gordy
FLICK OF THE SWITCH, AC/DC, Atlantic
TRUE, Spandau Ballet, Chrysalis
LITLE ROBBERS, The Motels, Capitol
RHYTHM OF YOUTH, Men Without Hats, Backstreet
LET'S DANCE, David Bowie, EMI-America
KEEPIT LUB Leverbay, Columbia KEEPIT UP, Loverboy, Columbia
BORN TO LOVE, Peabo Bryson/Roberta Flack, Capitol
RANT 'N' RAVE WITH THE STRAY CATS, Stray Cats,
EMI-America RANT 'N 'HAVE WITH THE STRAY CATS, Stray Cats,
EMI-America
LICK IT UP, Kiss, Mercury
1999, Prince, Warner Bros
LAWYERS IN LOVE, Jackson Browne, Asylum
FEEL MY SOUL, Jennifer Holliday, Geffen
SPORTS, Huey Lewis & The News, Chrysalis
FRONTIERS, Journey, Columbia
PUNCH THE CLOCK, Elvis Costello, Columbia
BEST KEPT SECRET, Sheena Easton, EMI-America
ALPHA, Asia, Geffen
BENT OUT OF SHAPE, Rainbow, Mercury
SWEET DREAMS ARE MADE OF THIS, Eurythmics, RCA
GAP BAND V-JAMMIN', Gap Band, Total Experience
BORN AGAIN, Black Sabbath, Warner Bros
STAY WITH ME TONIGHT, Jeffrey Osborne, A&M
SHE WORKS HARD FOR THE MONEY, Donna Summer, Mercury
THE PRESENT, Moody Blues, Threshold
THE CLOSER YOU GET, Alabama, RCA
NO PARKING ON THE DANCE FLOOR, Midnight Star, Solar
THE BIG CHILL, Soundtrack, Motown 28 33 30 24 41 44 34 40 36 29 39 23 35 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 45 32 46 37 THE BIG CHILL, Soundtrack, Motown ON THE RISE, SOS Band, Tabu



COLOUR BY NUMBERS, Culture Club, Virgin/Epic

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CARGO, Men At Work, Columbia LIVE STOMPIN' AT THE SAVOY, Rufus and Chaka Khan, Warner

the Sybil service

VER DONE the funky chicken? Sybil Thomas watched her dad do it every night. That's right, the 'Rescue Me' girl is the latest in the family that brought you Rufus Thomas, her old man, and sister Carla of 'B-A-B-Y' fame.

That's not all, either: "I have another sister, she's a classical pianist, and my brother Marvel was a producer with Stax, he produced the Emotions and Peabo Bryson,"

Sybil reveals.
While she's spilling all these beans, it turns out she's got enough for at least 57 varieties and we know her even more than we thought. "I sang the lead vocal on the Raw Silk record, 'Do It To The Music'," she says. The record was in our Top 20 this time last year, but Silkworm Jessica Cleaves has always led me to believe, in two separate interviews, that she'd done the lead vocals. So what goes on? "I did the project as a favour to Ron Miller, who's president of West End Records (and who produced the hit). It was like a studio concept. I did some appearances with them, her even more than we thought.

did some appearances with them, but I'm not a group oriented person and I didn't want to be associated with a three-girl group, so they got some other girls. I feel like I'm really into my solo career and that takes preference over other things.



SYBIL THOMAS: no poultry offering

But Sybil admits that 'Rescue Me', her first solo single, is doing better business here than in the States, and crows proudly about all her session work, which includes singing in TV commercials for Campbells Soup, Levis and Max Factor. Not exactly Arthur Baker, it's true, but then she runs some other names by me and they sound more the ticket.

"I've been doing things with Roberta Flack, Luther Vandross, Lou Rawls, George Duke. I'm going to be doing something with Kashif. I've known Luther since even before he was in Change. Being an independent contractor, I lend myself out to different projects." Before she moved to New York,

Sybil was back in LA at the University of California, studying sociology and steadfastly saying she didn't care about being a star. "I started singing locally for some extra money, someone offered me a job, one led to another and here I sit."

one led to another and here I sit."

Ol' Rufus wasn't too keen on the idea at first. "He wanted me to be a probation officer, but now he's happy," says the latest Thomas. "He's living in Memphis now, trying to get a recording situation for himself. So is Carla." They don't give up easily, these old 'uns. Maybe you can do the funky chicken to 'Rescue Me', huh? Me', huh?

Paul Sexton



- ALL NIGHT LONG (ALL NIGHT), Lionel Richie, Motown 12in

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- WHAT I GOT IS WHAT YOU NEED, Unique, Prelude 12 in LOVE WILL FIND A WAY, David Grant, Chrysalis 12 in SUPERMAN, Black Lace, Flair 12 in POP GOES MY LOVE/SCRATCH GOES MY DUB, Freeez, Beggars 14 15 16 13 14

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- TALK TO ME, Lew Kirton, Epic 12in
 NEW SONG, Howard Jones, WEA 12in
 MICRO-KID, Level 42, Polydor 12in
 LADIES' CHOICE, Stone City Band, Gordy 12in
 ITHINKI WANT TO DANCE WITH YOU, Rumple-Stilts-Skin, Montage 12in
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 OVER AND OVER, Shalamar, Solar 12in
 IWANT YOU, Gary Low, Savoire Faire 12in
 VAMOS A LA PLAYA, Righeira, A&M 12in
 IN YOUR EYES, George Benson, Warner Bros 12in
 AUTODRIVE, Herbie Hancock, CBS 12in
 THEY DON'T KNOW, Tracey Ullman, Stiff 10in
 ROCKIN'RADIO, Tom Browne, Arista 12in
 CONFUSION, New Order, Factory 12in

- TONIGHT, Steve Harvey, London 12in

Town Visco

- CATCH ME (I'M FALLING IN LOVE), Marsha Raven, Passion 12in LOVE REACTION/INSTRUMENTAL, Divine, Design Communications 12in TAKE A CHANCE ON ME, Waterfront Home, US Bobcat 12in (THEY CALL ME THE) QUEEN OF FOOLS, Jessica Williams, Passion 12in EARTHQUAKE, Flirtations, Siam/Proto 12in I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT, Pamela Stanley, US Komander

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- I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT, Pameia Stailley, US Kollialides
 12in/Disconet remix
 BURN IT UP (MR. DJ), Risque, US Importe/12 remix/Dutch Polydor 12in
 AND I'M TELLING YOU I'M NOT GOING, Koffie, US Pandisc 12in
 LOVE HOW YOU FEEL, Sharon Redd, Prelude 12in
 PRIMITIVE DESIRE, Eastbound Expressway, Record Shack 12in
 THE BOYS COME TO TOWN, Earlene Bentley, Record Shack 12in
 DESTINY/TAKE MY HEART AWAY (REMIX)/LOQUITA (CRAZY LADY)/
 LOVE ON THE ROCKS,, Two Sisters/Gillian Lane/Dave Valentin/Lama,
 IIS Disconet I.P. US Disconet LP
 I AM WHAT I AM, Gloria Gaynor, US Silver Blue 12in
 NOTHING BUT HEARTACHES/NOWHERE TO RUN (MEDLEY),
 Deborah Washington, Canadian Street Level 12in
 MANPOWER/HE'S A SAINT HE'S A SINNER/BEELINE, Miquel Brown,

- RECORD Shack LP promo
 DON'T LEAVE ME THIS WAY, Slip, German Hansa 12in
 GUILTY/ANGEL EYES (MEDLEY)/ANGEL EYES (DUB), Lime, Canadian 17
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 SING-SING, The Broads, Proto 12in
 LA CAGE AUX FOLLES/INSTRUMENTAL, Le Jeté, US Megatone 12in
 LOVE YOUR BODY, Amanda Lear, German Ariola 12in
 WALKING IN THE NEON, Peter Richard, German Ariola 12in
 THE TWILIGHT ZONE, Rusty Egan, Warner Bros 12in
 MAKIN' MUSIC, Gary's Gang, CBS 12in
 DJ GIRL, Miss Kimberly, US Bobcat 12in
 BAND OF GOLD (CLUBHOUSE MIX)/(EDIT), Sylvester, London 12in
 WHERE IS MY MAN, Eartha Kitt, French In The Mix 12in/US
 Streetwise 12in
- Streetwise 12in
 I'LL TUMBLE 4 YA/KARMA CHAMELEON, Culture Club, Virgin 12in
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- 28 30 = LUCKY TONIGHT, Sarah Dash, US Megatone 12in
 29 MANDATORY LOVE/ROCKET TO YOUR HEART, Lisa, US Moby Dick LP
 30 = GIVING UP, Bobby "O", Canadian Unidisc 12in
 30 = A TASTE OF LOVE/A TASTE OF DUB, Den Harrow, Italian Hole 12in
 30 = A NIGHT IN NEW YORK, Elbow Bones & The Racketeers, US EMI 12in
 30 = 30 = DON'T LEAVE ME THIS WAY (MEGA-MIX), Slip, Proto 12in promo

Record Mirror Disco

- ALL NIGHT LONG (ALL NIGHT), Lionel Richie,
 Motown 12in/LP remix
 I WANT YOU (ALL TONIGHT), Curtis Hairston, RCA 12in
 LOVE HOW YOU FEEL/DUB, Sharon Redd, Prelude 12in
 ALL MY LIFE, Major Harris, London 12in
 LET THE MUSIC PLAY (DUB VERSION)/(VOCAL), Shannon, Club 12in
 HAPPINESS IS JUST AROUND THE BEND, Cuba Gooding, US
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- Streetwise 12in
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- Streetwise 12in
 BODY WORK/INSTRUMENTAL, Hot Streak, Polydor 12in
 JUST CAN'T GET ENOUGH/DON'T GIVE UP YOUR DREAM/I CAN'T LIVE
 WITHOUT YOU, Lew Kirton, US Believe In a Dream LP
 ROCKIN' RADIO, Tom Browne, Arista 12in
 RESCUE ME, Sybil Thomas, West End 12in
 WHITE LINES, Grandmaster & Melle Mel, US Sugarhill 12in
 ALL OVER YOUR FACE/DON'T NEED YOU NOW, Ronnie Dyson, Atlantic
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 WHAT I GOT IS WHAT YOU NEED/DUB, Unique, Prelude 12in
 SPICE OF LIFE, Manhattan Transfer, German Atlantic LP
 LADIES CHOICE, Stone City Band, Gordy 12in
 (HEY YOU) THE ROCK STEADY CREW, Rock Steady Crew, Charisma 12in
 GO DEH YAKA, Monyaka, Polydor 12in
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 I WANNA BE WITH YOU (PTS 1/2), Armenta, US Savoir Faire 12in

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- Experience 12in
 T'S YOUR TURN, Delegation, CBS 12in
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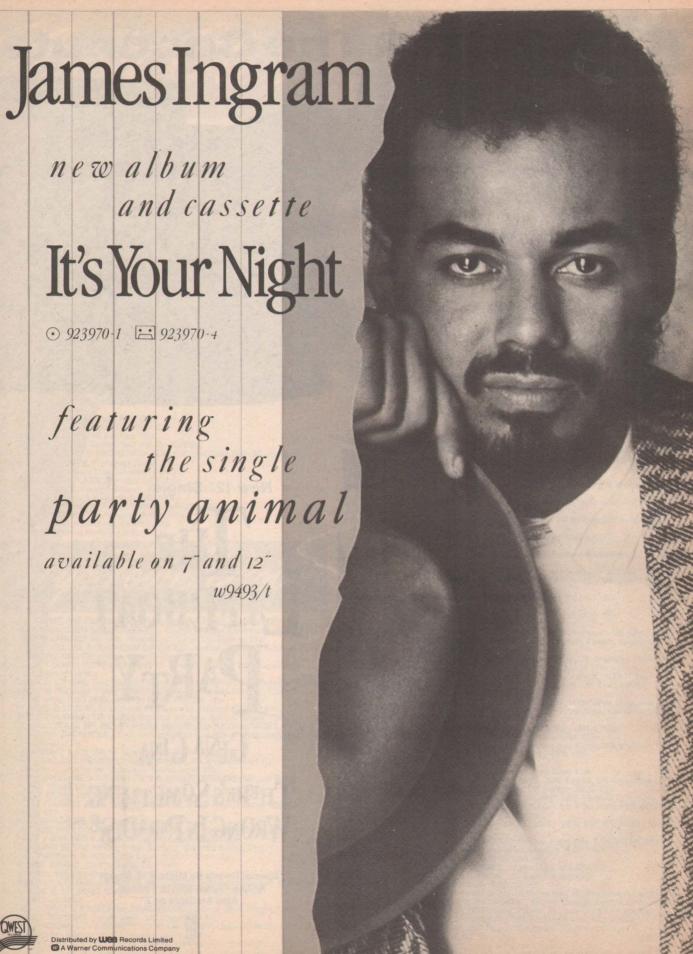
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ODDS 'N' BODS

MICHAEL JACKSON's caption last MICHAEL JACKSON's caption last week (which gained a stray "no" — there IS doubt that 'Thriller' will be a US single) now continues with the news that Vestron Video in the States are releasing a one hour 'Michael Jackson: Making Of The Thriller Video' which reportedly will contain the finished 10 minute 'Thriller' video along with candid footage of its filming, plus "major elements" of the 'Billie Jean' and 'Beat It' clips as well as older 'Off The Wall' material — out before Christmas, the US video will be about £20 there but its availability in before Christmas, the US video will be about £20 there but its availability in UK-compatible formats has yet to be announced. Streetwave are rushing Arnie's Love here, label boss Morgan Khan currently devoting his time to a boxed ten album set 'Decade Of Dance Hits 1973-83', promised for the party season and full of original smash classics1. Clubhouse's follow-up medley (already on promo) will be the farless notable 113bpm 'Supergood' melding of Stevie Wonder 'Superstition' and Chic 'Good Times', while Freez follow with the pace changing 50-100bpm 'Love's Gonna Get You'... David Joseph's suprisingly amateurish "Britfunk" LP due soon has only two really dynamic dancers, the 95bpm 'Joys Of Life' title track and 0-118bpm 'Do You Feel My Love Now Baby'... Brass Construction/NY Skyy at Hammersmith Odeon this Friday sold outso fast that they're there Sunday (6) now tool... Channel 4 televise the Malibu World Disco Dancing finals "live tonight (Thursday 3) — the music last week actually dropped to only 132bpm, so there may be a hope for the more subtle contestants yetl... Peter Stringfellow's daringly different Hippodrome opens (at London's old Talk Of The Town) this coming Tuesday (8), and already has a TV variety show emanating from it... In Store Music previously free promo cassette programmes are being forced by the BPI to institute a nominal charge for their service ("music users should be educated to expect to pay for the use of recorded music") and so have formed a "club" restricted to bona-fide working DJs, who must first prove they work in PPL licence if mobile — which is unfair as most mobiles doing private domestic parties don't need one), cheques for £52 (year)£30 (six months) being payable to Midas Records Ltd, 104 Harley House, Upper Harley Street, London NW1 4PR (full details on 01-935 3987)... Disco Mix Club's November oldies medleys Mary Wells 'My Guy' Jackie Wilson 'Sweetest Feeling'| Chairmen Of The Board 'Give Me Just A Little More Time' Four Tops' I Can't Help Myself' Miracles 'Tears Of A Clown' I



KLIQUE: 'Stop Doggin' Me Around' (MCA MCAT 843) Only Lionel Richie is stopping this from being the biggest black hit in the States at the moment, a fabulous rolling slow 54bpm revival of Jackie Wilson's 1960 'Doggin' Around' that's true to his original catch-in-the-throat chokingly soulful treatment, here on 3-track 12in with the otherwise Shalamar-ish trio's blandly clopping 117bpm 'Honey (I Want To Be Your Lover)', and burbling 117bpm 'Try It Out'.

Stevie Wonder 'Uptight' Vandellas 'Dancing In The Street' Jr Walker 'Road Runner' Show Stoppers 'House Party' (Chubby Checker '(At The) Discotheque' Edwin Starr 'SOS' Frankie Valli 'You're Ready Now' (Billy Butler 'Right Track' Ibobie Gray 'Out On The Floor' (Bandwagon 'Walls Or Heartache' — all the chops 'mixes being done "live" apart from one piano-to-piano tape edit (how much will boots of that be worth up North?) ... Discoscene '83 equipment exhibition is this Sunday (6) at Wishaw's Beltry Hotel in Sutton Coldfield, noon-6pm ... Simon Berwick (0706-216980 evenings) urgently needs a versatile smart pop jock for three months at a new hotel club in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, pay around £550 all-in per month — and alcohol is legal there! ... The Chi-tites and David Copperfield play Watford Baileys next week, Jr Walker returns to Mayfair Gullivers on Wednesday (9) ... STAY OFF THOSE WHITE LINES!

HOT VINYL

SHANNON: 'Let The Music Play' (Club LET 112, via Phonogram) Hailed Stateside as the best electro dancer ever as it combines powerful hiphoppery with a tuneful vocal, this chick-sung 0-114½bpm 12in judderer is actually a bit offputtingly "disco" in its vocal version, the far harder and freakier electro scratch instrumental 0-116½bpm flipside dub being more exciting — though both sides mixed together is best of all! A pop smash, no sweat.

GRANDMASTER & MELLE MEL: 'White Lines (Don't Don't Do It)' (Sugarhill SHL 130) The realisation that this adventurously arranged 115bpm 12in rapper owes so much to Liquid Liquid's distinctively rumbling 'Cavern'

rhythm track doesn't detract from its exciting impact, and it should still be huge here as it's ear-grabbingly different in 'The Message' class (alternative breakdown flip). Should it prove tricky to put across, just try running the "freezel" start over Herbie Hancock's 'Autodrive' breakl

ARMENTA: 1 Wanna Be With You'
(Savoir Faire FAIT 005) Rushed out here commendably fast, this chart-storming Amir Bayyan-produced chirrupy chix wailed 0-115bpm 12in smacker (like a less crisp Unique and great out of Haywoode) now has an extra UK-only 'Part 3' which combines the more emphatically vocodered 'Part 2' climax with the main 'Part 1' vocal. Great uncomplicated hop-along stuff Great uncomplicated bop-along stuff.

RUFUS & CHAKA KHAN: 'Ain't RUFUS & CHAKA KHAN: 'Ain't Nobody' (Warner Bros RCT 1T) Monstrous in the States and great for radio but possibly too classy for general dancefloor consumption here, this subtly bubbling and building 0-104bpm instense wailer is now on 3-track 12in with their double LP's hottest cuts, the dirt slow 0-27/54-0bpm 'Don't Go To Strangers' and "live" 0-98-96-0bpm 'Stop On By'. Try it out of Maze 'Joy And Pain' (which is dynamite out of Lionel Richiel).

GARLAND GREEN: 'Don't Tell Me, Let Me Guess' (LP 'Garland Green' US' Oceanfront OF 100) 1969's 'Jealous Kind Of Fella' gruff soulster returns with an excellent Lamont Dozier-arri penned set which'll delight soul purists penned set which'll delight soul purists (despite some discreet synthetic rhythml) as it's quality all the way, this buoyant sparse 117bpm strider (great out of Lew Kirton 'Just Can't Get Enough') and the Ernie Watts-saxed gently swaying 98/49/99bpm 'You Make Me Feel So Good', being best dancers, the ultra moody 29bpm 'Tryin' To Hold On' best smoocher, but

JAMES HAMILTON at the controls

check also the 109bpm 'These Arms', 112bpm 'Always', 105-106bpm 'System' and a remake of the deep soul Zingara/James Ingram-originated 'Love's Calling'.

IMAGINATION: 'New Dimension (Electro Mix)' (R&B RBL 216) (Electro Mix)' (R&B RBL 216)
Considerably remixed surface skittering and hissing 120bpm pushing rattler 'n zapper (rather like 'Jingo' at times I thinkl), with its short acappella and the older beat-testing freaky 114-113bpm 'Burning Up (Dub)' on 12in featuring an over-sized picture label — their LP 'Scandalous' (RBLP 1004) having a more straightforwardly speeding 120bpm version with typical nice piano, which also helps the 0-109bpm 'Point Of No Return' and jerkily scatting 105-106bpm 'Shoo Be Doo Da Dabba Doobee' (probably the two best cuts), others being the 32/64bpm 'Wrong in Love', 32'/abpm 'The Need to Be Free', 0-54/107'/zbpm 'State Of Love', old 110bpm 'Looking At Midnight'. No great surprises.

Midnight'. No great surprises.

CON FUNK SHUN: 'If I'm Your Lover' (LP 'Fever' US Mercury 814 447-1 M-1) Perfectly produced and very well sung group effort, but (like the current Gap Band set) so US radio-aimed it's hard to get actually excited about anything on it, although best bet here seems to be this choppy clean 116bpm lurcher while the US 7in-issued 'Baby I'm Hooked (Right Into Your Love)' is a lushly soulful 47½/34½/sbpm slowie, others being the brassily strutting 117bpm 'Can You Feel The Groove Tonight', jerky 113½/bpm 'Thinking About You Baby', funky 108½/abpm 'Can You Feel The Groove Tonight', icky 113½/bpm 'Thinking About You Baby', funky 108½/abpm 'Hard Lovin',' attractive 120bpm 'Don't Let Your Love Grow Cold', dry 122½/bpm 'Lovin' Fever', whipping 137bpm 'Indiscreet Sweet'.

ACTIVE FORCE: 'Give Me Your Love (Remix') (US A&M SP-12083) (Remix') (US A&M SP-12083)
Annoyingly late on import after our
gun-jumping domestic release, this
much extended new 99bpm 12in remix
has a great long instrumental lead-in
to the soulful vocal, making it much
more effective for summer tempo
mixing (out of Herb Alpert 'Rise'?), the
UK-issued LP version being flip.

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SLAVE: 'Steppin' Out' (Atlantic SLAVE 1T) Typical monotonous subtly shifting and shuffling 114-115-116bpm rolling whomper unlikely to mean much outside their specialist fan following, on 3-track 12in with the sparsely whipping 1281/sbpm 'Rendezvous' and five years old rambling Brass Construction-ish 116-117-115-117-116-115bpm 'Stellar Fungk' cult classic.

THE IONES GIPLS: 'IR 'On Target'

THE JONES GIRLS: 'LP 'On Target' RCA PL 84817) The normally hot girls' Robert Wright & Fonzi Thornton-

continues over



JEFFREY OSBORNE 'STAY WITH ME TONIGHT'

THE NEW SINGLE AVAILABLE ON 7" & 12" (Extended U.S. Remix)





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produced set seems to be produced set seems to be disappointing many, maybe undeservedly, the only cuts to get much action being this lovely slow 0-106bpm revival of Barbara Lewis's 1965 Van Mc-Coy-penned 'Baby I'm Yours', which synchs perfectly over the Mary Jane Girls' instrumental.

PER CUSSION ALL STARS featuring GRANDMASTER FUNK: 'Don't Stop' (Dutch Megadisc 128312) Squidgily bonking instrumental build-up to the then rapping and rattling 112-114½-115-116-113-115-116bpm 12in thudder (inst 113-114-115-116-117bpm flip), which creates tension if you can stand it for long enough and could be useful with Liquid Liquid/Melle Mel.

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TEENA MARIE: 'Playboy' (LP 'Robbery'
US Epic FE 38882) Disappointingly
patchy label debut with only this one
teasingly jittering typical 97bpm pentup stormer an outstanding dance track
for here, although slowies like the
75bpm 'Stop The World', 59bpm 'Dear
Lover', jerky 106bpm 'Midnight
Magnet' and beautiful 'Shadow
Boxing' drifter are nice, the
horrendous 0-153bpm title track, 0134bpm 'Ask Your Momma' and UK
12in 124bpm 'Fix It' are not. All her
own work, but the poor girl's only
doing what's necessary to get on
today's American radio.

TROUBLE FUNK: 'Say What?' (US

TROUBLE FUNK: 'Say What?' (US D.E.T.T. DT-1002) Brash 'n brassy 107-105-106-108-107-105-107-108bpm 12in "partay partay" chanter which, mixed in minus its intro, is dynamite out of Kurtis Blow and great for audience participation — provided you've got a partying funky crowd to start with (inst flip).

HUBERT LAWS: 'Gonna Be Happy (TV Soaps)' (LP 'Make It Last' US Columbia FC 38850) The flautist's set is reflective straight jazz, apart from this great beefily jiggling 95bpm powerful summer tempo slow jaunty funker on which he toots piccolo and butchly raps about TV soap operas! For me it was worth the whole LP.

DELEGATION: 'It's Your Turn' (CBS TA 3832) Ken Gold-prod solid basic "disco" 107bpm jiggly strutter with a sorta slower Haywoode-ish surface texture, on 3-track 12in with its 0-107bpm instrumental, and frantic 121bpm 'Can We Get It Back' sung mainly by the two guys' skintight pants-clad female partner — who's good to get behind when the trio PA!

ENCHANTMENT: 'Here's Your Chance (US Columbia 44-04171) I nearly ignored this snappy 123bpm 12in "Zapp play Rick James" jerking smacker until the vocals just got so darned infectious I had to have it thankfully, as it's terrific out of 'Cold Blooded' (inst flip).

THE TEMPTATIONS: 'Hollywood' (LP 'Back To Basics' US Gordy 6085GL) Best dancer is this Harvey Fuqua co-prod good modern gently gritty wailing 98bpm swayer, while the Berry Gordy co-prod fabulously arranged

mid-'60s style 51½/103-107-108bpm 'lsn't The Night Fantastic' is the other real delight, the rest though well done being still too dated for today, a side produced by their past mentor Norman Whitfield his sop helping on produced by their past mentor Norman Whitfield (his son helping on electronics) having the 'Car Wash'-ish 95bpm 'Miss Busy Body', brassily chugging (0-)101-103-102-101-100(break)-101bpm 'Stop The World Right Here', 0-116/58-116bpm 'Outlaw', 29/58-58/116bpm 'Sail Away', Willie Hutch producing the Four Tops-shared 125-126-125bpm 'The Battle Song'.

MICHAEL FRANKS: When Sly Calls' (LP 'Passion Fruit' German Warner Bros 92-3962-1) Snug fireside listening apart from this gorgeous breathily sung gently starting and stopping subtle (0-27-0)-109-54-0-109bpm jazzy samba with staccato "don't touch that phone" chicks creating much of the ebbing and flowing beat. Specialist jazz only, I fear.

HERB ALPERT: 'Red Hot' (US A&M SP-HERB ALPERT: 'Red Hot' (US A&M SP-12078) Herb's releases get ever more confusing, this US 12in being yet another brand new remix of his LP's already remixed ultra jiggly happy 109bpm instrumental from a few years ago, now given a less hard edge by guitar, bass and keyboards, a big attraction in sometimes quite fruity smelling red vinyl.

THE DUB BAND: 'Reggae High' (EMI 12RIC 118) Very slick 97bpm reggae swayer, more of a good summer tempo mood than an actual song in its extended A-side version, on 3-track 12in with the less atmospheric 98bpm full vocal and a silly instrumental 85bpm 'Hong Kong T'ing'.

LILLO THOMAS: 'I Love It' (Capitol ILLU THOMAS: I Love It (Capitol 12CL 313) The singing Olympic runner's US follow-up is his LP's more distinctive 'Who Do You Think You Are?' but here we have this skittering fast remixed 118bpm jolter on 3-track 12in, with its instrumental plus thankfully the far superior 'Good Girl'-tempoed 106bpm 'Trust Me' (which deserves most play) deserves most play).

DJ DIVINE: 'Get Into The Mix' (US West End WES 22162) Very clever 0-107bpm 3-track 12in scratcher by the Infinity Machine's DJ, with a groaning noise repetitively cut amongst all the hip-hoppery, though more specialist than for 'Rockit' fans.

SPOONIE GEE: 'The Big Beat' (US Tuff City 429 04191) Mumbling phonecall introed 0-105bpm 12in rapper with a fantastic different dully thudding (dull as in sound quality) heavy bass beat, probably too monotonous for general crowds (inst flip).

THE ART OF NOISE: 'Into Battle With The Art of Noise' (ZTT ZTIS 100, via Island) An extremely odd 12in collection of different electronic rhythms and textures, all very rnythms and textures, all very experimental but pretty well essential for any truly serious scratch mixers, the long 108bpm 'Beat Box' segment being best as a background while most of side 2 is the really lovely 341/4/681/bpm 'Movements In Love/Flesh In Armour' smoocher, worth trying in its own right.

RIUICHI SAKAMATO: 'Riot In Lagos' (Island 12IS 139) Interesting particularly freaky — in fact almost jazzy — loosely skittering 130½bpm 12in electro instrumental from 1980, re-released now after action in the

more specialist electro/scratch circles. although far removed from routine electrophunk.

JOHNNY GUITAR WATSON: 'I'm A
Real Mother For Ya' (DJM DJR 4) This
1977 sassy sly purposeful 98bpm
jogger works well again now thanks to
its — yup! — summer tempo, on 4track 12in with the less relevant old 'I
Need It', 'Ain't That A Bitch', 'Gangster
Of Love'.

ANTENA: 'Be Pop' (Les Disques Du Crépuscule 12IS 126, via Island)
Fabulous old fashioned (circa "77-ish) scatting 120bpm 12in girlle group hustler kinda like Dr Buzzard boopydooping through Chic's 'Dance Dance complete with tinny strings.
Quite how it'll fit in today I don't know, but it's worth hearing just for your own pleasure. own pleasure.

THE BROADS: 'Sing-Sing' (Proto ENAT 112, via PRT) Ben 'Forrest' Liebrand-prod belated 115bpm 12in cover version of Charlie Callelo Orchestra's previously popular throbbing "disco meets big band" revival of the 1937 Benny Goodman swinger that launched drummer Gene Krupa (more freakily electro 'Mega Be-Bop Mix' flip), probably with quite wide MoR appeal.

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PAC-MAN: 'I'm A Pac-Man' (Malaco MAL 1214) Big for a while on import (and now on 'Street Sounds Electro'), this totally electro vocodered and scratched 107½bpm jitterer is indeed a differently spelt UK 12in release of The Packman 'I'm The Packman (Eat Everything I Can)', but here stupidly flipped by the previously unsuccessful '60s/'70s soul medleying 122½bpm 'Play It Again Sam' by Power — which will hardly attract the same audience.

JIMMY CLIFF: 'Reggae Night' (CBS TA 3849) Co-produced by Kool brothers Amir Bayyan & Ronald Bell, this overly simplistic lightweight 0-109bpm 12in lurcher is a sorta subdued 'Get Down On It' and quite good out of Lionel Richie, but hardly roots (inst flip).

SECOND IMAGE: 'Don't You (The Big Version)' (MCA MCAT 848) The 'Freddie Starr Showcase' talent contest winners finally found a new label but after their body popping TV antics they may disappoint new audiences with this very sombre specialist moody sedate 0-115bpm 12in swayer, although the dub flip's freakily "gated" starker 'Horrible Heaton Mix' sounds starker 'Horrible Heaton Mix' sounds tougher.

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EBONY BROTHERS: 'Brighten Up Your Night' (RCA RCAT 376) Competent jittery fast 118-117½bpm 12in Britfunk-by-numbers, aiming for a Quincy Jones feel but coming out as if Level 42 with harmony vocals, and very English — however, the flip's more instrumental 118bpm 'Dubstitute Version' has a better beefier bass line and nice lively lick (carrying on into the run-out groove). the run-out groove).

RICHIE SCOTTI: 'The Break' (US Radar Rap RDR-12006) Fairly routine c118bpm 12in rapper by a bragging Italian-American MC with some freaky effects, but not enough to tempt me in New York, nor back home, despite three different hearings (inst 'Breaker'

THE JAZZIE LADIES: 'Blowin' Your Mind' (US Prelude PRL D668) Dull plodding c109bpm 12in female rapper (inst flip), goes on and on and on and on on

RAH BAND: 'Questions (What You Gonna Do') (S.O.U.N.D. Recordings SNDS-1, via Pinnacle) Hewson's slick SNDS-1, via Pinnacle) Hewson's slick synth tick/cool chick formula wears thin on this "pleasant" 121bpm 12in retread, which didn't exactly leap across counters on Sound Check pre-release but is now on 3-track 12in with a tougher dubwise 'Teasers Mix' and a newly remixed 0-120bpm 'Falcon 2'.

HOT, COLD SWEAT: 'Move Like That' (US D.E.T.T. Records DT-1003) Trouble Funk-produced heavy bass thumped and brass stabbed jittery 113-114-113bpm 12in good-time funker with chants 'n raps (inst flip), but not another 'Say What?'.

MARSHA RAVEN: 'Catch Me (I'm Falling In Love)' (Passion PASH 127)

Relatively placid rather tunefully galloping 0-128bpm 12in Boys Town chart-topper (inst flip), with pop prospects.

THE FLIRTATIONS: 'Earthquake' (Siam/Proto IANT 101, via PRT) Chix sung frantic zingy 0-130bpm 12in Boys Town ex-chart-topper (inst flip), the lacquer cutter wittily adding "BOYS" before the "TOWNHOUSE" trademark in the matrix number!

JESSICA WILLIAMS: '(They Call Me The) Queen Of Fools' (Passion PASH 126) Simon Soussan-prod/penned electronically percussive 132bpm 12in Boys Town galloper harking back to her earlier song (inst flip).

DIANA ROSS: 'Up Front' (Capitol 12CL 306) Ray Parker Jr-prod/penned strutting 127bpm 12in rock-disco smacker remixed here by Tony Swain & Steve Jolley, who work hard for her money!

TRANS-X: 'Living On Video' (Polydor POSPX 650) Long lasting but now long dead Boys Town oldie, a pipingly synthesized Kraftwerk-ish 130bpm 12in Eurodisco pounder.

JAYNE EDWARDS: 'Harmony/I Got It' (RCA/Profile RCAT 385) Not sure of Jayne's claim to US "personality" fame but she advertises Revion hair rame but she advertises Revlon hair products there, and here hollers in exciting gospel style the vocal 'I Got It' second part of a fast jittery 1321/sbpm 12in instrumentally started brassy piano flier (inst, and dated soul 122bpm 'I'm Gonna Let My Heart Do The Walking' 2-track flip).

THE WEATHER GIRLS: "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair' (CBS TA 3716) Producer Paul Jabara amazingly ignores all the camp possibilities of this Rodgers & Hammerstein classic from 'South Pacific' steamrolling right through the tune too in a dreadful 147bpm 12in treatment which Bous Town icks only treatment which Boys Town jocks only played protestingly.

BREAKERS

BUBBLING UNDER the Disco 85 are David Joseph 'Be A Star'/'Megastar' (Island 12in vari-speeded down!), Oliver Cheatham 'Bless The Ladies' (MCA 12in), Kinky Foxx 'So Different' (US Sound Of New York 12in), Lillo Thomas 'I Love It'/Trust Me' (Capitol 12in), David Sanborn 'I Told U So'/'A Tear For Crystal' (German Warner Bros LP), Richie Scotti 'The Break' (US Radar Rap 12in), Janice McClain 'Giving Me Love' (US Mon-Tab 12in), McCartney/Jackson 'Say Say Say' (Parlophone 12in), Freeez 'Gonna Get You Megamix' (Beggars Banquet 12in promo), James Ingram 'It's Your Night' (German Qwest LP), Major Lance 'Are You Leaving Me' (US Kat Family 12in/LP), Garland Green 'Don't Tell Me Let Me Guess' (US Oceanfront LP), Klique 'Stop Doggin' Me Around' (MCA 12in), Bullet 'I'm Billie Jean' (US Earwax 12in), Riuichi Sakamoto 'Riot In Lagos' (Island 12in), Elbow Bones & The Raketeers 'A Night In New York' (US EMI America 12in), The Jazzie Ladies 'Blowin' Your Mind' (US Prelude 12in), Trouble Funk 'Say What?' (US DETT 12in), Hubert Laws 'Gonna Be Happy' (US Columbia LP), Womack & Womack 'Love Wars' (US Elektra 12in).
HIT NUMBERS: Beats Per Minute for the last three weeks' Top 75 entries on 'Love Wars' (US Élektra 12in).
HIT NUMBERS: Beats Per Minute for the last three weeks' Top 75 entries on 7in (f/c/r for fade/cold/resonant endings) — Duran Duran 115f, Billy Joel 129f, UB40 751/sf, McCartney/ Jackson 117f, Adam Ant 0-105f, Elton John 138f, The Cure 183/92-0c, Shalamar 111f, Gary Numan 122c, Level 42 118f, Sharon Redd 118f, King Kurt 223-228-0C, Musical Youth 103-104f, Curtis Hairston 114f, Kiss 120f, Kinks (PRT) 135-138-0r, Phil Fearon 0-77f, Dio 0-115-117f, China Crisis 142f, XTC 120/60-0r, Ashaye 120f, Bruce 77f, Dio 0-115-117f, China Crisis 142f, XTC 120/60-0r, Ashaye 120f, Bruce Foxton 70-141f, Rondo Veneziano 114r, Carpenters 0-201/2-41/82-0r, Lotus Eaters 114-0r, Steve Harvey 1101/zf, Eddy Grant 113-114f, Leo Sayer 0-107-0-107f, Foster & Allen 47f, Frank Stallone 165r, This Mortal Coil Of (reallyl), AC/DC 0-128-126-0c, Kinks (Arista) 0-97f, Divine 126c, Kenny Rogers 84f, Agnetha Faltskog 124f.





GARY'S GANG: the main tea posse

AY HELLO to Eric Matthew record executive and producer. Then say hello to Gary of Gary's Gang, charting again with 'Makin' Music', and you're actually talking to the same geezer.

When last we spoke, 'Knock Me Out' was doing the rounds and Eric was telling me he was going to throw in the towel, vocals wise, and let someone else play Gary. But here we are with the new record and it's that familiar voice we've known since 'Keep On Dancin''.

"Basically, being that I'm half

businessman (as head of Radar Records)

businessman (as head of Radar Records) and half creator, something has to suffer, and what has suffered has been the lack of time to find the right person.

"But time was going by and people wanted to hear another Gary's Gang record, so I simply went into the studio, wrote the song, recorded it, produced it, and mixed it in 20 hours."

Now, though, the pressure should ease, thanks to this stop press news. "These

thanks to this stop press news. "These guys sent in a tape and I was struck by the similarity to the Gary's Gang sound. So we've adopted them."

So we'll see Eric in his business suit more often from now on, sending out Radar Records all over the place. Their last, considerable triumph was the Status

IV record 'You Ain't Really Down', the next (sincerely, friends) is 'I'm Out Of Your Life' by Arnie's Love, who feature Toney 'Reach Up' Lee's brother. Matthew's other hot potato is Sharon Redd, whom he produces and writes for

on the Prelude label. Hotter than ever just now, with a law suit flying Prelude's way over their alleged lifting of Steve Harvey's 'Something Special' tune, which Eric has unsubtly disguised as Sharon's 'Love How You Feel' single and taken the congwriting credit songwriting credit.

"To be quite honest, it was intentional to a degree, but I didn't want to steal the song. The other record came in as an import and nobody picked up on it, but everybody loved the sound of it." So he decided to make it available in another form, you might say. "Nobody can be totally original, if you're going to survive in this business, you have to borrow once in a while. Major corporations do it every

day, so do movies.

"On the Status IV record, I put a trumpet in with an echo effect, which was unique at the time. I turned on the radio three weeks ago and heard almost the identical thing. I have no objections about people copying my record. If they take the whole damn thing, they'd have a legal problem. But we all do it."

Paul Sexton

AMES is wild about Quincy, Quincy's wild about James . . . and judging by past form there could be a few million albums in it for the pair of 'em.

We're talking about the man with the golden larynx, James Ingram, and the man with the golden fingers, Quincy Jones.

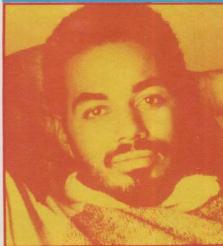
They've got together for James' debut LP, 'It's Your Night', out in a jiffy, and you may already be shaking something or other to the 'Party Animal' single.

Now your brain's in gear you might just be thinking 'Baby Come To Me' and Patti Austin. Yep, Ingram was the kiddie there but you might well have known him longer without knowing it. Especially if you've got ol' Quince's 'The Dude' album, along with a few million other people. James sang lead on the spiffing ballads 'Just Once' and 'One Hundred Ways'.

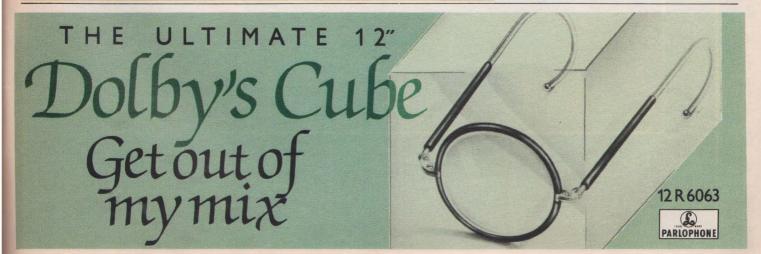
And James sure is mighty proud of the man he worked with. "I'm with the best, I have the Rolls Royce, I wouldn't step down to a Mercedes." The fan club is obviously as strong the other way around, because Quincy's used our man on his recent Donna Summer, Michael Jackson and Ernie Watts productions; on the 'Thriller' LP they actually teamed to write 'PYT', which some 15 million people around the world own.

"I've been in California 10 years now," says James. "I met Quincy at the end of the eighth, and meeting him has turned my life around as far as lifestyle is concerned." But he doesn't exactly flash the money around. "The only way I'd buy a car would be if my accountant said I was making too much money and I had to spend some."

James hails from Devo-land, Akron, Ohio, and had quite some success, pre-Quincy, once he'd moved to LA, after making his first appearance playing organ on Ray Charles' version of 'I Can See Clearly Now'.

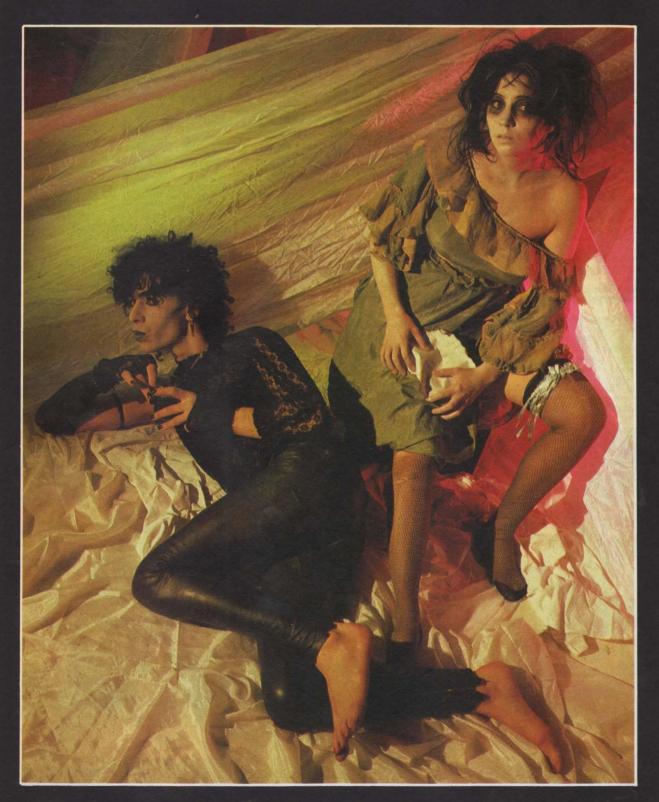


JAMES INGRAM: one cool dude





Journeying through the twilight world where ghouls are cool and sactorial battiness a vital requisite I stumbled across the comatose figures of two sorely fatigued night dwellers... mortuary mates Ollie from the Specimen and Sex Beat's chilling Gallic chanteuse Sophie equipped with glistening....



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He's over the shock of being booted out of Kajagoogoo and with his new single 'Only For Love' out this week, he's got plenty to look

forward to.
"Listen, I'd like you to write a happy article, he says. "I've got over my depressed stage I'm through wallowing in grief and waking up thinking I've got to face another day."

Even so, the split has still left Limahl with a bitter taste in his mouth. He claims that it

didn't have anything to do with musical differences

"Basically it was a personality clash between me and Kajagoogoo's manager. In the end we just couldn't get on, although I really tried hard. He told the band that either I would have to go or he would have to leave. They were very close to him — they had grown up in Leighton Buzzard and developed

together.
"After their decision I just received a phone call from him saying I was out of Kajagoogoo. How can I describe that feeling? For a few moments I thought the world had stopped. I was just so stunned and shocked.

"If we had sat down and had a meeting about it with all the band there, it wouldn't have been so bad. It would have been the

honest thing to do. "I'd given my life and my soul to Kajagoogoo and then after a cheap phone call

"I did cry and I'm not ashamed to admit it.

Anybody is entitled to break down under those circumstances. The pressure on me was tremendous — I needed some relief.

But I realised it was going to be a fresh challenge for me and I've always thrived on challenges. I'm a strong Sagittarian who comes out fighting. The split offered me fresh ideas to reach up and grab. It's given me a lot of freedom and a sense of self reliance."

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IMAHL ESTIMATES that he received 3,000 letters after the split and he replied to each one explaining the situation.

'I used the mail office at EMI, otherwise it would have cost me a fortune in postage," he

laughs.
"There's a stigma attached to being sacked, but I think I received a lot of sympathy and by and large people were firmly on my side. I'll always be grateful for the support which I can repay with good music. I also had a lot of support from my family and friends. Of course, at times like that you get to know who went true friends are." who your true friends are.

Limahl says that he's been in contact with Nick Beggs, but he hasn't been in touch with the rest of the band.

Ten days after the split Nick wrote to me explaining the true circumstances behind what had happened. I've written back to him and I'm very grateful to him." Does this hint at reconcilation and could a

reunion between Limahl and Kajagoogoo be on the cards for the future?

"No, absolutely not. The past should remain in the past — you can't dig things up. The way to view it now is that two very good acts have come out of the split - that's the positive way I treat it.

"I like Kajagoogoo's new single — there's a lot of energy in there. I think a lot of people expected Kajagoogoo to go down like Haircut 100 have done without Nick Heyward. But it's not like that at all, there's enough talent to go around for us all.

IMAHL PLAYS me a tape of his new single 'All For Love' and pretty funky stuff is it too, with a girl singer. What about the man's image these days? "Obviously there's a lot of young girls who like me. I can't turn my back on that audience

and neither would I want to. But I'm also

trying to cross over into an older audience as

well."
'Only For Love' was inspired by the play 'A
Spy For Me' which Limahl saw in the West End. He wrote the song before he left

Kajagoogoo. It starred that wonderful actor Alan Bates. During the course of the action his lover leaves him and he's heartbroken. After the play I remember standing outside the theatre feeling tremendously moved. Haven't you searched for a lost love for years and years? It's certainly happened to me. You get the most wonderful feelings when you're in love. You want to be with that special person all the time and then sometimes your hopes are dashed.

"I believe that love still truly makes the world go around

Limahl's recording an album in December which is due for release in the new year. As yet there are no definite plans for a tour. "When I do go out on the road I will be

doing some old Kajagoogoo numbers. I'm proud of what I achieved with the band — I don't want to turn back on my work. One thing though, I won't be standing on an illuminated platform like I did on Kajagoogoo's last tour. It got so terribly hot I had to run off and wipe myself down with a towel.

Limahl says that some of his material has the flavour of old soul. He'll be doing a version of a classic Motown song on his album, but he won't say which one he's

"When I was young we were so poor we couldn't afford records. I used to go to Wigan Casino and listen to the old soul standards. I love stuff by Diana Ross like 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough' and Michael Jackson's 'Thriller' album is just fantastic. I'll be doing a track called 'Oh Girl' which is very slushy, very soulful and very Temptations." In the future Limahl says that he wouldn't

mind having a bash at serious acting.

"I'd like to do a film along the lines of 'Breaking Glass'. A musical would be nice as well. I've always loved the stage, it's very creative. But I don't think it's possible to predict how long you're going to last in this business. The public puts you up there and they've got you in the palm of their hands. It's really up to them."



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OR THE first time ever, last week saw different records top each of the main singles top each of the main singles charts, 7-inch, 12-inch and combined. The number one 12-incher was Lionel Richie's 'All Night Long (All Night)', the leading 7-incher Tracey Ullman's 'They Don't Know'. But when the two configurations were integrated. configurations were integrated Culture Club's 'Karma

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It's worth remembering that in preGallup days the chart reflected sales of
7-inch singles only. If that were still the
case, 'Karma Chameleon' would not
have extended its chart-topping streak
to six weeks, the longest since Art
Garfunkel logged an identical spell at
the top in 1979 with 'Bright Eyes'.
By now, 'Karma Chameleon' should
have made way for Duran Duran's
'Union Of The Snake', but its tenacity
in retaining the throne last week left
not a few pundits with egg on their
collective face — not least Radio One's
Mike Smith, whose cocksure
assumption that Duran Duran would
immediately topple Culture Club
caused him severe embarrassment
when it failed to materialise .
1983 has been quite a year for
David Bowie, one way and another,
and this week he can celebrate another
triumph, because he has shattered the
long-standing record for most weeks in
the album chart in a calendar year — a
record he himself established in 1973.
Up to last week, Bowie had logged a
phenomenal 180 weeks on the album
chart in 1983, just two less than his
previous record haul. It's therefore safe
to assume that he has surpassed that
figure this week.
Incredibly, Bowie had no albums in

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Bowie: can he do wrong?

release of 'Let's Dance' in April and the vigorous repromotion of his previous LPs by RCA saw Bowie's star rising inexorably, until one week in July ten of his albums were simultaneously featured on the chart. Bowie's market share has dropped a little since then, though he's always had at least three albums in the chart. But however laudable Bowie's 1983 exploits may seem 1973 still stands as his finest

THEN, BOWIE had been established a relatively short time, and new fans of which there were thousands had a fairly small back catalogue to purchase, and all at full price. Ten years on Bowie's recorded works, including compilations, have quadrupled. Most of his re-charted material is available on RCA's International label, retailing for half the price of other albums in the chart. This has undoubtedly been a major factor in its success.

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In 1973, Bowie's 180 weeks on chart were achieved by just six albums. This year's tally includes contributions from twice as many titles. More pertinently, in 1973 the album chart was just 50 titles long. If it had been a top one hundred, Bowie would undoubtedly have topped 200 weeks on the chart. An analysis of Bowie's 1983 chart positions is something of a revelation. Reducing the chart to a top fifty would slash Bowie's 180 week total to just 57 weeks — a far cry from his 1973 prominence. In fairness, it must be said that even this is a remarkable achievement beyond all but the most

prominence. In fairness, it must be said that even this is a remarkable achievement beyond all but the most popular of performers.

Bowie's 1983 surge means that he has now spent more than 700 weeks on the album chart in his career, a total bettered only by the Beatles, Simon & Garfunkel and Elvis Presley. At the beginning of the year Bowie was way back in eighth place, but has subsequently overhauled Cliff Richard, Frank Sinatra, the Rolling Stones and Pink Floyd.

Back in the fifties, The Platters established a US chart record by staying on the top forty for 66 weeks in a row. They did so by rushing out a new single every time its predecessor showed signs of peaking. It's a juggling act many have tried, but none has carried it off quite so well.

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The group in question is Men At

The group in question is Men At Work, and their continuous stream of

top forty hits began with 'Whio Can It Be Now?', followed by 'Down Under', 'Overkill' and 'It's A Mistake'. When 'It's A Mistake' inally dipped out of the top forty last month, Men At Work's follow-up 'Dr Heckyll & Mr. Jive', was climbing rapidly, but was only No 42. It has since climbed to No 28, and is Men At Work's smallest US hit to date. And though MAW's chance of bettering the Platters' record has gone, the Aussie superstars have the compensation of an uninterrupted residency of the US Hot One Hundred stretching all the way back to 10 July Steve Harvey's disco smash 'Tonight' is the sixth completely different song of that title to become a hit in Britain, sharing its handle with chart records by Shirley Bassey (1962), the Move (1971), the Rubettes (1974), Zaine Griff (1980) and the Modettes (1981). Harvey's success elevates 'Tonight' to the top of this particular category 'Star', 'Here I Go Again' and 'Guilty' have all been used as titles for five different hits ... Kenny Rogers' and Dolly Parton's 'Islands In The Stream' has rapidly moved to the top of Billboard's

Kenny Rogers' and Dolly Parton's 'Islands In The Stream' has rapidly moved to the top of Billboard's American Hot One Hundred, giving composers Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb their 16th, 13th and 13th number ones respectively. Li'l brother Andy has also co-penned three chart toppers. Kenny Rogers has the distinction of scoring top ten hits as a soloist, with the New Edition and in duets with four different women: Sheena Easton, Dottie West, Kim Carnes and now Dolly. Dolly's only previous chart appearances have been as a soloist...

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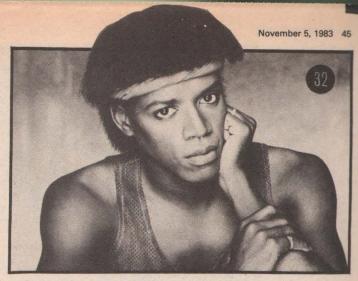
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62	41	4	MUTINYI, David Essex, Mercury
★ 63	-		HELLO! I MUST BE GOING, Phil Collins, Virgin V2252
- 84	83	55	REFLECTIONS, Various, CBS &
65	63	6	LIONEL RICHIE, Lionel Richie, Motown
66	62	5	IMAGES, Various, K-Tel DURAN DURAN, Duran Duran, EMI EMC3372 LETTIN' LOOSE, Heavy Pettin', Polydor QUEEN GREATEST HITS, Queen, EMI &
4 67	_		DURAN DURAN, Duran Duran, EMI EMC3372
68	55	2	LETTIN' LOOSE, Heavy Pettin', Polydor
69	78	17	QUEEN GREATEST HITS, Queen, EMI &
70	61	5	PIL LIVE IN TOKYO, PIL, Virgin
- 71			ZONES, Hawkwind, Flicknife SHARP014
	-		THE MIDTING Toom For Class Manney 14
→ 72		-	THE HURTING, Tears For Fears, Mercury MERS17
a 73	92	39	SWEET DREAMS (ARE MADE OF THIS),
			Eurythmics, ☆
- 74	-		COMPLETE MADNESS, Madness, Stiff HITTV1
75	65	19	FLASHDANCE, Original Soundtrack, Casablanca O
76	60	26	POWER CORRUPTION & LIES, New Order, Factory
77	45	5	MDNIGHT AT THE LOST AND FOUND, Meat Loaf,
			Epic/Cleveland
78	79	5	STREET SOUNDS EDITION 6, Various, Streetsounds
→ 79	96	23	CRISES, Mike Oldfield, Virgin □
80	52	3	COOKIN' ON THE ROOF, Roman Holliday, Jive
81	68	6	EYES THAT SEE IN THE DARK, Kenny Rogers, RCA
82	67	19	COPEATEST LITE PON Stowart Dive &
83	59	17	GREATEST HITS, Rod Stewart, Riva & YOU AND ME BOTH, Yazoo, Mute
84	51	3	COMMA CET VOLL Cross Pages Pages
	91	3	GONNA GET YOU, Freeez, Beggars Banquet
◆ 85	-		I WILL LOVE YOU ALL MY LIFE, Foster & Allen,
- 00			Ritz RITZLP001
→ 86		-	SWORDFISHTROMBONE, Tom Weits, Island ILPS9762
87	87	26	HUNKY DORY, David Bowie, RCA International ☆
- 88	-		LIVE IN YUGOSLAVIA, Anti-Nowhere League, Identity
	1001	A COL	NOSE3
89	76	2	MAKIN' MOVIES, Dire Straits, Vertigo ☆
90	95	2	OFF THE WALL, Michael Jackson, Epic ☆
91	93	9	LOVE SONGS, Barbra Streisand, CBS &
- 92	_	1 100	CARGO, Men At Work, Epic EPC25372
→ 93	-		UPSTAIRS AT ERIC'S, Yazon, Mute STUMM7
94	86	2	FACE VALUE, Phil Collins, Virgin &
95	72	2	UPSTAIRS AT ERIC'S, Yazoo, Mute STUMM7 FACE VALUE, Phil Collins, Virgin FLICK OF THE SWITCH, AC/DC, Atlantic
→ 96	-		DEAD END STREET - GREATEST HITS, Kinks,
- 30			KINKT
- 97			
			BOYS DON'T CRY, Cure, Fiction SPELP26
→ 98	-		THE HIT SQUAD - NIGHT CLUBBING, Various, Ronco
-	-	_	RONLP2
99	94	7	BORN AGAIN, Black Sabbath, Vertigo
100	64	50	RICHARD CLAYDERMAN, Richard Clayderman,
			Delphine A

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Singles

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UPTOWN GIRL, Billy Joel, CBS
ALL NIGHT LONG (ALL NIGHT), Lionel Richie, Motown UNION OF THE SNAKE, Duran Duran, EMI KARMA CHAMELEON, Culture Club, Virgin & THEY DON'T KNOW, Tracey Ullman, Stiff O SAFETY DANCE, Men Without Hats, Statik NEW SONG, Howard Jones, WEA (HEY YOU) THE ROCKSTEADY CREW, Rocksteady Crew, Charisma/Virgin PUSS'N BOOTS, Adam Ant, CBS PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME CRY, UB40, DEP International/Virgin SUPERMAN (GIOCA JOUER), Black Lace, Flair THE LOVE CATS, Cure, Fiction IN YOUR EYES, George Benson, Warner Bros SAY SAY SAY, Paul McCartney/Michael Jackson, Parlophone Parlophone DEAR PRUDENCE, Siouxsie And The Banshees. DEAR PRUDENCE, Siouxsie And The Banshees, Polydor/Wonderland ○
SUPERSTAR (BILLIE JEAN), Lydia Murdock, Korova KISSING WITH CONFIDENCE, Will Powers, Island BLUE MONDAY, New Order, Factory CRY JUST A LITTLE BIT, Shakin' Stevens, Epic A3774 KISS THE BRIDE, Elton John, Rocket SUN AND THE RAIN, Madness, Stiff BUY192 UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, Donna Summer, Mercury OVER AND OVER, Shalamar, Solar A MESS OF BLUES, Status Quo, Vertigo QUO12 THAT WAS THEN BUT THIS IS NOW, ABC, Neutron NT105 21 22 24 25 NT105 SYNCHRONICITY 2, Police, A&M AM153
BLUE HAT FOR A BLUE DAY, Nick Heyward, Arista
MODERN LOVE, David Bowie, EMI America
RED RED WINE, UB40, Dep International/Virgin
THIS IS NOT A LOVE SONG, PIL, Virgin
MIDNIGHT AT THE LOST AND FOUND, Meat Loaf, THIS IS NOT A LOVE SONG, PIL, Virgin MIDNIGHT AT THE LOST AND FOUND, Meat Loaf, Epic/Cleveland 007, Musical Youth, MCA LICK IT UP, Kiss, Vertigo ONLY FOR LOVE, Limahl, EMI LML1 LOVE IN ITSELF, Depeche Mode, Mute DESTINATION ZULU LAND, King Kurt, Stiff GUNS FOR HIRE, AC/DC, Atlantic LOVE WILL FIND A WAY, David Grant, Chrysalis LOVE HOW YOU FEEL, Sharon Redd, Prelude REILLY, Olympic Orchestra, Red Bus MICRO KID, Level 42, Polydor LOVE WILL TEAR US APART, Joy Division, Factory CAN'T LET YOU GO, Rainbow, Polydor POSP654 FANTASY REAL, Phil Fearon & Galaxy, Ensign RIGHT BY YOUR SIDE, Eurythmics, RCA DA4 RAINBOW IN THE DARK, Dio, Vertigo CALLING YOUR NAME, Marilyn, Mercury MAZ1 68 GUNS, Alarm, I.R.S.
TONIGHT I CELEBRATE MY LOVE, Peabo Bryson & Roberta Flack, Capitol O I WILL LOVE YOU ALL MY LIFE, Foster & Allen, Ritz POP GOES MY LOVE, Freeez, Beggars Banquet TAHITI (FROM MUTINY), David Essex, Mercury COME BACK AND STAY, Paul Young, CBS O LONDON TOWN, Bucks Fizz, RCA THE SINGLES '81-'83, Bauhaus, Beggars Banquet TILL I CAN'T TAKE LOVE NO MORE, Fridy Grant, Ice 48 39 37 71 43 44 45 53 35 55 ER RA WORKING WITH FIRE AND STEEL, China Crisis, Virgin WORKING WITH FIRE AND STEEL, China Crisis, Vin THIS IS THE WAY, Bruce Foxton, Arista MAMA, Genesis, Charisma/Virgin I WANT YOU (ALL TONIGHT), Curtis Hairston, RCA OBLIVIOUS, Axtec Camera, WEA AZTEC1 SISTER SURPRISE, Gary Numan, Beggars Banquet ALL MY LIFE, Major Harris, London LON37 TONIGHT, Steve Harvey, London WHITE LIGHT WHITE HEAT, David Bowie, RCA RCA372 59 WHITE LIGHT WHITE HEAT, David Bowle, RCA RCA372
RCA RCA372
NEW DIMENSION, Imagination, R&B RBS216
LOVE ON A FARMBOY'S WAGES, XTC, Virgin MCTOR MANIA, Roman Holliday, Jive YOU REALLY GOT ME, Kinks, PRT BIG APPLE, Kajagoogoo, EMI 67 68 69 70

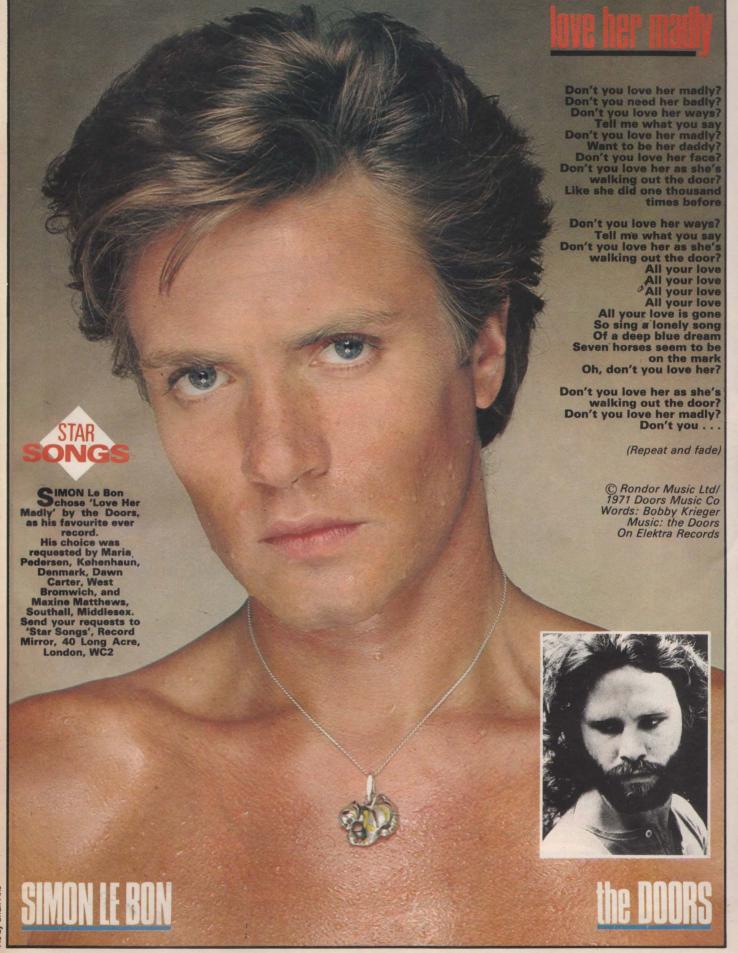




MADNESS: these lads know how to dress; LIONEL RICHIE: but nobody ever holds a microphone like that; ANDY SUMMERS: why are all pop stars amateur photographers?

DOLCE VITA, Ryan Paris, Carrere
HEAVEN IS WAITING, Danse Society, Society SOC6
MAKE BELIEVE IT'S THE FIRST TIME, Carpenters, A&M
LA SERENISSIMA (THEME FROM VENICE), Rondo
Veneziano, Ferroway
STAR FLEET, Brian May & Friends, EMI EMI5436
FEDORA (I'LL BE YOUR DAWG), Caramba, Bilico
SONG OF A SIREN, This Mortal Coil, 4AD
OWNER OF A LONELY HEART, Yes, Atlantic B9817
DON'T FORGET TO DANCE, Kinks, Arista
JEALOUS LOVE, JOBOXERS, RCA
BREAK DANCIN' — ELECTRIC BOOGIE, West Street
Mob, Sugarhill
CANT STOP RUNNING, Space Monkey, Innervision
MAKING LOVE (OUT OF NOTHING AT ALL), Air
Supply, Arista 73 74 76 77 78 79 72 Supply, Arista
DRESSING UPI, Street Angels, Street Beat STB100
SAY IT ISN'T SO, Daryl Hall & John Cates, RCA
MY FLAMING SWORD, Care, Arista KBIRD2
WHEN I LEAVE THE WORLD BEHIND, Rose Maria, A1
A1284 86 A124
BE A STAR, David Joseph, Island
GYPSY GIRL, Cruella De Ville, EMI
OUT OF PHASE, Diamond Head, MCA
HEAVY METAL LOVE, Helix, Capitol CL314
WINGS OF A DOVE, Madness, Stiff BUY181
STATE OF ART, Friends Again, Moon
HEAVEN ABOVE ME, Peabo Bryson & Roberta Flack, 91 92 Capitol THE ENTERTAINER, Belle Stars, Stiff
REGGAE NIGHT, Jimmy Cliff, CBS A3849
TOO LITTLE OF YOU TO LOVE, Mame's Boys, Spartan SP6
TWIST OF FATE, Olivia Newton-John, EMI EMI5438
FAR FROM OVER, Frank Stallone, RSO
SOUL KISSING, David Knopfler, Peach River

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